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KATHRYN'S PLEA FOLLOWING FALL: 'I need new home for a safer life'

A Barry woman who sleepwalks, and recently fell down the stairs in her terraced home, is pleading with the Vale Council to provide her with a ground floor flat or bungalow.

Kathryn Harding fought back tears as she

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

told The GEM how she tumbled down the stairs in the early hours of the morning, sustaining broken vertebrae in three places.

"I have always been a sleepwalker, ever since I was a child. Inevitably, I have fallen down the stairs a few times, but not

suffered serious damage.

"Three weeks ago at 1.30am in the morning I went out onto the landing and ended at the bottom of the stairs where I came to.

"I was taken to the spinal unit at the Heath." Kathryn had x-rays taken which confirmed the serious damage to her spine. Staff fitted her with a collar and pads - the pads have to be changed once a week, and she will soon have to undergo physiotherapy for an unspecified period of time.

She was told that having a gate fitted at the top of the stairs might cause an even worse accident if she walked into it and it gave way.

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Members of the Friends of St Augustine's group with visiting speakers, including Gillian Clarke, the National Poet of Wales; historians Alan Thorne, Phil Thomas and Tricia Griffiths at the 'Poetry, People and Place' day. (SEE THE FULL STORY ON PAGE 4).

WEYCOCK CROSS CAMPAIGN CLAIMS CAUTIOUS VICTORY

HOUSING estates look unlikely to go ahead at Weycock Cross after the areas earmarked for development were left out of the Vale Council's new Local Development Plan.

Barry councillor Ian Johnson said he was very pleased for the campaigning group The Friends of Weycock Cross.

"Residents of Barry will be very pleased that the 700 proposed houses at Weycock Cross have not been included in the new LDP.

"That is a tribute to the work of The Friends of Weycock Cross who have strongly lobbied against the development, and I'm sure will continue to do so during the consultation period."

by GEM REPORTER

On the group's website, there was cautious optimism at the news. A statement read: "If you haven't already heard, Weycock Cross is out of the LDP.

"However this is not the end, there is still the pending planning application for Green Farm and the consultation period for the LDP to contend with so we must keep the pressure on.

"But still great news and thanks to all so far."

POPULATION

Ian Johnson insisted that too many houses were still being planned for the Vale.

"Between the planning permissions already granted for the Waterfront, Barry

Island Pleasure Park, White Farm, Pencoeindre Golwg y Coed, the magistrates' court site and others, there are nearly 2,500 houses already allocated for Barry, with 3,000 expected in total - around a thousand fewer than originally intended.

"However, this refreshed LDP still means that 10,000 houses will be built in the Vale, despite a population increase of only 152 in what was supposed to be the plan's first year - they will just be spread across a wider number of towns and villages than originally planned.

"Therefore, concerns about the overall numbers still remain.

"Housing policy must meet local need, rather than drive the market, and that will be the key question during the consultation period," Coun Johnson added.

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'Trust is the way to work for the good of the Vale'

IT is unfortunate, but not surprising, that MP Alun Cairns has sought to make political capital from Barry's disappointment.

The Barry regeneration bid was a whole-town bid, involving a wide range of organisations, which sought to build on years of successful regeneration activity in the town.

We can hark back to the past, or we can be realistic about the huge housing need elsewhere in Wales, where welfare reforms, the 'bedroom tax' and profit-hungry developers have created a massive need for housing development.

That the Minister has shifted his regeneration focus to address the huge pressures on housing across Wales is understandable.

While I can't argue with the need for people to have stable homes in which to raise their families, I think that in Barry's case the Welsh Government decision was misguided.

The Barry bid was about building communities. It included housing, but only in locations where it was relevant – such as in bringing life back to our town centres.

It included facilities for young people, support for a heritage centre, and plans to build on the successful regeneration of the Island.

In addition, it planned forward-thinking initiatives to support some of our most disadvantaged communities and to help our valuable community organisations to become financially viable.

What it didn't do is plan more large-scale development for Barry. People told us that is

unsustainable and not what they want, and we've listened.

I made a full announcement at council on September 25, detailing the situation to date, and I plan to give a further, in-depth report at the community cabinet meeting in Barry on October 25, where I will be very happy to take questions from local residents.

We also had a full and frank discussion at the Barry Regeneration Board on the 26th.

The Regeneration Board is made up of a range of talented individuals, representing all sectors of the community, not just private sector interests.

Mr Cairns talks of cross-party working and I welcomed the involvement of other councillors at the recent council meeting. I also ensured Mr Cairns was briefed on the council's submission for Assisted Area status.

However, I also well remember, as a new cabinet member, approaching Mr Cairns at an event we both attended, to express a desire to work collaboratively for the good of the Vale.

The following morning, I then read an inaccurate and unwarranted attack on the new administration over the previous LDP, which caused unnecessary concern to many Barry residents.

Collaborative and cross-party working is built on openness and trust. I think Mr Cairns has still to earn his place at the table.

Coun Lis Burnett, Barry, Cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation.

'Elderly are prisoners in their own home'

DO Cardiff Bus have shares in local taxi firms? If they have, they must be raking it in!

Pensioners with bus passes cannot use them until 9.30am, so if they go to the doctors say in Highlight Park, they have to get a taxi or go to the town centre – same thing.

They are prisoners in their own home. Come on, Cardiff Bus, do something!

W James, Barry

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FRACKING WARNING: 'Dangers of dash for gas are being ignored'

IT was with some concern that I saw the Vale of Glamorgan Council has permitted test drilling for coal bed methane, which may ultimately involve fracking.

Fracking is banned in France, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and parts of Germany, such as the concerns about its impact.

The fracking techniques involve pumping a cocktail of chemicals such as arsenic and benzene, a known carcinogenic, deep underground.

There are also environmental concerns over contamination of groundwater as well as possible earth tremors, such as the ones that occurred near Blackpool and prompted a temporary ban by the same UK Government that is now so gung-ho about the matter. Even test drilling can involve

Moving problem for the disabled

IAM more than a little tired of the assumption that those of us hit by, and struggling to pay the 'bedroom tax', simply don't want to move.

A significant proportion of those of us hit by this are disabled, and living in properties that have been adapted accordingly.

If smaller properties are few and far between, smaller-adapted properties are virtually non-existent.

I, for one, have been told that I would need to apply to the local authority for a disabled facilities grant to finance the

installation of necessary adaptations.

Before the advent of the 'age of austerity', those took years to come through – I suspect that now there would be a significant increase in the waiting time.

This, of course, assumes that by the time I reached the top of the waiting list, such grants had not been abolished, due to cutbacks.

On this basis, I would like some of these, no doubt able-bodied people, who think I am simply refusing to move, to tell me just what am I meant to do?

C Williams, Barry

Watch out, there are wasps about!

THERE is a narrow road called Flanders Road, which leads to a small part of the Llantwit Major community.

Sounds like no problem at all? There usually isn't – unless you have to walk...

A large group of wasps have taken up residence at the narrowest part of the road near the field side in a hedgerow – and they don't like anyone walking past.

I have seen them get angry after people walk past and have nearly been stung myself. So I appeal to anyone who knows how to deal with

these yellow pests, to remove or relocate the hive, where it won't affect people who need to walk up and down this road.

It is only a matter of time before someone gets stung badly by this colony, as they begin to drink fermenting fruit and inevitably become more aggressive.

Keep safe this wasp season and watch out for the hedges that sound like helicopters!

I've seen a few nests besides the dangerously large one on Flanders Road, but these aren't as large, or in such a bad place.

Lewis Williams, Llantwit Major.

these techniques. Wales has abundant sources of renewable energy, eg solar, hydro, wind and tidal energy. At the moment, unfortunately, most energy developments are not devolved and, therefore, the voice of Welsh communities directly affected by any fracking is not being heard.

What is also clear is that a new 'dash for gas' in the form of fracking, would have a negative impact on developing renewable energy sources, such as small-scale hydro-electric schemes, offshore wind, tidal lagoons and solar panels. The UK Government seems to be throwing all its energy eggs into one very dodgy basket.

Wales faces a situation not unlike that of the 19th Century, where our natural resources, such as coal, were plundered for profit – leaving our communities with slag heaps and ill health.

Multinational companies are profiting from large-scale energy developments, while local communities are not seeing any of the benefits.

The contrast with the renewable industry in Germany could not be clearer – half the 53,000 renewable power schemes there are community owned and enjoy widespread popular support.

By contrast, resentment in Wales is growing because of the perception that we are not seeing any benefits.

It's clear the UK Government is being led by its friends in big business and the City, who see the chance to make a quick buck, regardless of the long-term impact on Welsh communities and countryside.

Their interests are not those of the people of Wales. Plaid Cymru stands with the communities affected by this change of policy and will work to develop the abundant sources of renewable energy that exist in Wales.

Llyr Gruffydd AM,
Plaid Cymru spokesperson on Energy

Firefighters and the Forces

IN response to the recent article in The GEM, Mr Watt of the Firefighters Union is ill-representing his members and the general public and is disillusional at best.

Yet again, the armed forces will be called upon to do the firefighters' jobs. I have seen this first hand during the last strike (Operation Fresco) in the Northampton area.

I find it ironic that the Labour Government funded by the unions, left the country in such a financial mess that the firefighters, along with the rest of the public sector and everybody else in the UK, will have to work longer and pay more into their pensions to help reduce the deficit.

The salary for a trainee soldier is £14,000, rising to

£17,000 when trained. The salary for a trainee firefighter is £21,000.

The firefighters do a great and dangerous job, but so do many other public sector workers. In the forces or police, we don't have the right to strike.

Wouldn't it be nice for the army to go on strike and let the firefighters have a go at doing their job? During the last fire strike, many of my colleagues had to cancel holidays etc, and some had just returned from operations abroad.

The firefighters could do without these union chiefs who try to justify their ridiculous salaries.

If the members paid extra towards their pension, instead of union fees, they might achieve something – without having to rely on somebody else doing their work for them.

(Recently retired soldier, Name and address supplied).

Proud to wear a reminder of wartime heroism

I ATTENDED the unveiling of the Anchor at Barry Waterfront, put in place to honour our Merchant Navy boys who were in the convoys during the Second World War.

I stood in the wind and rain, remembering some of the stories my father, Terry Holley, had told me about his experience in the convoys.

Like the story of being docked in North Africa, on a ship with a cargo of jerry cans filled with petrol for the Army, where he witnessed enemy planes flying in to bomb the ships in the harbour.

He was only 21 years old at the time, and had been at sea for two years. On realising what was taking place, my father grabbed a young cabin boy's hand, and made him jump off the stern of the ship into the water before it was blown sky high.

The noise damaged the young boy's ear drums and he went completely deaf. Once they made it on to dry land, they then had to walk hundreds of miles across Africa to find a ship to bring them home.

The majority of the journey they made on foot, but did manage to acquire a couple of donkeys for part of it. They

faced many hardships on their journey, and were even chased by hundreds of starving cats!

They eventually made it to a distant port, and found a troop ship full of wounded soldiers that brought them back home.

My father continued in the convoys until the end of the war, and in the Atlantic his ship was torpedoed!

He, and his fellow survivors were in a life boat for a number of days before being picked up by a passing ship. He was torpedoed at least twice during the war.

He saw many of his friends and ship mates blown up and die by his side, people who would never return to Barry.

He could never believe that he survived when so many died, and he always said that it was the best men that were lost.

My father didn't talk about it often, and I often wish that I had written it all down when he was still here.

I am extremely proud to wear his medals, as a reminder of what has past, and the sacrifices that the men of Barry and the rest of the Vale made, serving their country during the Second World War. **Janice Charles, Barry.**

Children's appeal

MAY I please, through The GEM, thank all the kind people of Rhosee, for the generosity they showed in my fundraising for the 'very ill' children's charity, Dreams and Wishes.

I collected £265 in total and would like to thank the management and staff at Tesco, Rhosee, for allowing me to collect for two days at the store.

Well done, you were all very kind to me.

Gill Richardson,
Rhoose Point.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
10 Thur	10.34	9.4	22.58	9.0
11 Fri	11.24	8.9	23.52	8.5
12 Sat			12.31	8.4
13 Sun	01.09	8.0	13.54	8.1
14 Mon	02.33	7.9	15.14	8.4
15 Tues	03.52	8.5	16.19	8.9
16 Wed	05.53	9.1	17.17	9.5
17 Thur	05.41	9.6	18.04	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

Barry lit by amazing 'vapour trail' sunrise



ABOVE: This photo was taken on Sunday morning, October 6, as Philip J Brown was looking out in an easterly direction. Philip told The GEM: "On Sunday, there was an amazing sunrise. They are not clouds in the picture but jet plane vapour trails, lit up by the early morning sun, showing a spectacular colour like a mosaic pattern. It did not last long because when the sun appeared the patterns disappeared."

PHOTOGRAPH by PHILIP J BROWN

DINAS POWYS INTRUDER: police issue a description

POLICE are appealing for information following an incident at Aberdovey Close, Dinas Powys on Sunday, October 6, around 6.30pm when an intruder walked into a house via a rear door.

He was disturbed by the householders and made off across the back garden and left through a rear garden gate

and is described as white, 5'8" tall, slim to medium build with short, dark hair. He was wearing a black tracksuit white New York Yankees baseball cap.

Contact Barry CID on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 (quote reference 62130315338).

Police in Dinas robbery probe

POLICE are investigating a robbery at around 8.45pm on Thursday, September 26, in Dinas Powys.

They are seeking a white man - about 20 years old, of medium build with short black spiked hair, about 5'11" to 6' tall and clean shaven - after a 17-year-old male youth was assaulted at the corner of Sunnycroft Lane leading into Elm Grove Place. His mobile telephone - a

black Sony Experia - was stolen and detectives also want to trace a red Fiat Punto with tinted windows and black hub caps or alloy wheels.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Barry CID on 101 or free and anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 (quote reference 62130303918).

QUIZ NIGHT

THE St David's Methodist Church, Barry, is holding a quiz in the church hall, Colcot Road, on Saturday (October 12) at 7pm.

Teams of up to six people are invited to compete and refreshments will be served. The cost is £3 per person and all money raised will go towards the church's Zambia Fund.

Contact John Nash for information on 01446 418514, or email john.nash28@ntlworld.com.

ANOTHER 440 houses could be built in Dinas Powys over the next 13 years.

The new local development plan earmarks a number of locations in the village as potential sites for housing.

The current LDP, which was unveiled last week, covers the years from 2011 to 2026.

There could be 300 homes at the former St Cyres School site; 75 on land off Caerleon Road; 15 at Pen-y-Turnpike; and 50 on land along Cross Common Road.

Local councillor Chris Franks expressed disappointment at the figures, stressing that people hoped that if there were more houses, there would be a similar commitment in terms of community facilities rather than a "minimum allocation".

He said residents would feel the Vale Council cabinet had let them down.

"They promised that they would listen to concerns about traffic issues in Dinas Powys, but the amount of new traffic that will use the Cardiff Road junction from St Cyres remains almost the same.

"The total number of houses proposed for Dinas Powys has been increased."

Coun Franks insisted: "They have ignored Plaid's evidence that the

Dinas Powys earmarked for another 440 houses

Vale's projected population growth is not happening.

"The 2011 Census clearly proves that the actual numbers are far less than originally forecast."

DINAS BRIDGES

Fellow Plaid councillor Chris Williams said he didn't regard 400 plus new dwellings in Dinas as a sensible proposal.

"If it weren't so important this idea would be laughable at best.

"The southern half of Dinas Powys, where all these houses are to be built, is served by two bridges to the main road. One is already condemned and unsafe.

"Pollution and traffic levels at peak periods are already dangerously high. So how can the cabinet propose that we can allow a further 500 plus more cars over these two bridges onto the already jammed

queues into Cardiff?"

The LDP predicts the expected chronology of housing development. From 2011-16, there would be 50 homes at the former St Cyres site; 15 at Pen-y-Turnpike; and 30 on land at Cross Common Road.

From 2016-21, there would be 125 at St Cyres, 75 off Caerleon Road, and 20 at Cross Common Road.

From 2021-26, there would be another 125 at the St Cyres site.

Charity night a huge success



ABOVE: A fundraising evening was recently held at St Nicholas Hall for Cancer Research UK. With a 'mellow yellow' theme, a wonderful evening was had by all and just under £2,000 was raised. Pictured above is butcher Jeff Braithwaite (left) handing over a cheque for £410 to Geoff Brown, which was raised from the sale of carrier bags in his shop.

Witnesses sought to dance floor assault

POLICE are appealing for witnesses, following an incident which occurred on a Barry dance floor at 12.30am on Sunday, September 29.

A 20-year-old woman was assaulted on the dance floor at the Savoy on Broad Street and required hospital treatment for her injuries.

A 17-year-old male has been arrested

and is on police bail.

Detective Constable Adam Harding, said: "We want to hear from anyone who may have seen this assault."

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Town mayor's coffee morning

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All proceeds are in aid of the charities the mayor has chosen to support during her term of office, Ty Hapus and The JAM Fund. Entry fee will be £3.

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Ellie shares spotlight with a top star at BAFTA Cymru



Ellie with Michael Sheen – Picture courtesy of BAFTA Cymru/Huw John.

SOUND designer Ellie Russell, from Moulton, found herself literally in the spotlight at the recent BAFTA Cymru awards held at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff, to celebrate the best of Welsh and film.

Ellie, dubbing mixer Dai Shell (far right), and location sound co-ordinator Ian Sands, who headed up a team of four location sound recordists, had been nominated by BAFTA Cymru in the best sound category for their work on 'Gospel of Us' along-

side the award-winning BBC dramas 'Dr Who' and 'Sherlock'.

The film 'Gospel of Us' starred Hollywood actor Michael Sheen, who was also nominated for a BAFTA Cymru Award for 'best actor'.

The innovative film adaptation of the ground-breaking three day theatre event which took place in Michael Sheen's home town of Port Talbot re-tells the Easter passion story.

"With a cast of literally thousands, The Gospel of Us was a monumental challenge for the sound and film crew, as well as the theatre event organisers,"

said Ellie.

"We were absolutely delighted and honoured that our team won this prestigious BAFTA award for 'The Gospel of Us', and even more delighted when Michael Sheen scooped 'best actor' for his starring role as 'The Teacher'.

"It was an extremely challenging and rewarding film to work on, and I was lucky that film producer Eryl Huw Phillips (far left) of Rondo Films and director David McKean gave me the freedom to create unique sound effects and soundscapes which helped bring the 'passion play' to life."

Ellie is currently working for Rondo Films on the award-winning series The Indian Doctor created for BBC1.

KATHRYN'S PLEA AFTER ACCIDENT

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Kathryn said: "A consultant said that the next time I fall, I might not be so lucky and might end up paralysed."

Her one shred of good fortune was that her friend Martine Mailey was staying the night she fell, and was able to phone for an ambulance.

Now she sleeps downstairs.

Kathryn, who works at the Forge Care Centre, wrote a letter to Homes 4 U asking to be given a ground floor flat or bungalow, but was told there was "no medical priority".

She is now sending the housing provider a letter from her consultant.

Over the years, Kathryn has tried to analyse what causes her tendency to sleepwalk, and thinks it might be something to do with the way she empathises with others.

"I absorb a lot of people's problems and get emotionally involved."

Martine said: "It has been very distressing for Kathryn and she has withdrawn into herself. Normally, she is a bubbly character.

"My fear is that there will only be help when she is paralysed. We want to prevent that happening."

On Saturday, October 3, Kathryn and Martine attended a surgery held by the Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt, who told The GEM: "I was sorry to hear about Ms Harding's difficult situation."



Following her serious fall down the stairs while sleepwalking, Kathryn has applied for a flat or bungalow, to avoid the danger.

"After meeting her at my surgery, I have contacted the Vale Council about this matter and will be following up Ms Harding's concerns."

The GEM asked the Vale Council what could be done to alleviate Kathryn's plight.

A spokeswoman explained: "The case is currently awaiting a 'unified assessment', and we will be contacting Ms Harding to complete the required information."

"It will then be passed to the occupational therapist, who will visit Ms Harding to fully assess the nature of her disability and make a recommendation whether a priority is awarded."

"There is currently a four-week turnaround of unified assessments and we have asked that this one be prioritised so it can be referred to the occupational therapist as soon as possible."

School's £400 boost for Macmillan

BARRY Comprehensive School proudly joined schools and offices across the UK last Friday, to support the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Students, parents and staff contributed cakes which sixth form Welsh baccalaureate students sold to eager students at break time.

Many staff also baked and submitted a mouth-watering selection of cakes to the cake competition.

The school was delighted to welcome a number of special guests to the Learning Resource Centre to join in with the fundraising.

The guests included Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, Gareth Morgan from the RAF Careers Office, Swansea, and



members of the Royal British Legion.

The boys were fascinated to listen to our guests from the military, past and present, and had many questions for them about their experiences.

The morning was a great success and raised over £400 for Macmillan, a very worthwhile charity.

LANGUAGES

On September 20, Barry Comprehensive School celebrated another excellent languages day.

ABOVE: Students had many questions for the guests from the Royal British Legion.

The exchange students in year-12 spoke about their culture and taught the year-7 pupils some Norwegian, Italian, Swedish, German and Spanish.

As well as the languages faculty, several teachers joined in with Mr Peacock and Mr Tresilian teaching Spanish and Mrs Davies, Norwegian. Mrs Davies looked amazing in her national costume.

Mr Norman Pereira returned to school and introduced some Spanish with the help of Julio (year-10 pupil).

As well as the European languages, there were taster lessons in Japanese with Ms Roche, who wore a yukata, and in Swahili with Mrs Ellis, who wore a traditional Kenyan dress.

Besides learning a new language, pupils enjoyed doing a quiz, doing some cooking and some art and music multicultural experiences.

Ms Evans would like to thank everyone who was involved. AC

Friends rally to church

A FRIENDS group set up 18 months ago in Penarth with 11 people, now has 200 members, its own website and has raised nearly £6,000.

The remarkable success story behind the Friends of St Augustine's began in March 2012, when a group of parishioners decided they wanted to help preserve their Grade I listed building for future generations.

Chair Tricia Griffiths explained: "The idea was that congregations were falling but here was a big church in good condition and it was simply good house-keeping to keep it in good repair and make the best use of it."

"We were determined that the building should be used by the whole of the community and not just members of the church – the acoustics are particularly good."

With the aim of opening up the building to more of the community, the initial 11 strong committee consisted of nine church members and two community members.

It was a decade ago that St Augustine's had benefited from major refurbishment work.

"Some would question why start a Friends group when your church is in good condition but to us the timing was perfect," said Tricia.

"While the church is in reasonable condition and there are no crumbling towers or rotting floors to be rescued, we felt this was precisely the time to get a Friends group going who could help keep the church in good condition."

"Our aim was to form a group from within the church and from the wider community and to see it more widely used for functions and better used by people of faith and no faith."

The group's first project is to restore the War Memorial which is located within the church in time for the commemoration of the outbreak of World War One next year.

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Police appeal after driver leaves the scene of a collision

RIGHT: The damaged Ford Fiesta – police are now anxious to trace the driver of a beige coloured Renault Megane which has a number-plate beginning with LM03.



POLICE in the Vale are investigating a collision in the village of St Hilary last week after which a female motorist drove off.

The incident left the two teenage girls in a Fiesta bruised and shaken.

A police spokesman told The GEM: "We are investigating a road traffic collision between a blue Ford Fiesta and a beige coloured Renault Megane, which happened

on the road between St Hilary and St Athan.

"The collision happened at around 6pm on Wednesday, October 2.

"The Megane failed to stop and police are appealing for any information to help them identify the vehicle which has a number-plate beginning LM03."

The father of the two

girls said it had been a very distressing incident for them, and urged members of the public to come forward if they had information that might help the police.

Anyone with any information should contact Llantwit Major police station on 101, and quote reference 62130310603.

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Villagers' dismay as the Vale Council earmarks Sully for traveller site

AN official new traveller site may be established in Sully, following the publication of the Vale Council's new local development plan.

The council proposes 18 pitches, but its strategy is open to a consultation which allows local people to put their views forward.

The gypsy and travelling community has campaigned vigorously in recent years to ensure it has a sufficient site provision across Wales and England, arguing there is a lack of facilities for people who lead a nomadic lifestyle.

Travellers will welcome Sully as a step in the right direction.

However, some established communities take a dim view of travellers, claiming they can be responsible for crime and spoiling the local environment.

On Tuesday evening, around 230 Sully villagers attended a public meeting at Jubilee Hall to discuss the controversy.

Local councillor Kevin Mahoney said the unanimous view was that people were opposed to the site and would back up that view with a campaign and protests.

When details of the LDP were released last

week, Coun Mahoney and fellow councillor Bob Penrose told The GEM they were angry that the site was being imposed on an "unwilling" village, pointing out that the people making the decision were not those living near it themselves.

Coun Penrose said: "This decision is appalling and will be met with strong opposition from the residents of Sully, who have already had to tolerate an illegal travellers' site at part of this location for nearly two years."

He claimed the Vale Council had made previous assurances to the residents of Sully that the travellers currently occupying the site would eventually be moved to a permanent travellers' site at another location in the Vale, following release of the revised LDP.

He also claimed that promises were also made to the residents, via Sully and Lavernock Community Council, that the part of the site designated as 'public open space' would be released to the community for the establishment of resident allotments.

Coun Penrose said he was annoyed that the Vale cabinet had 'taken the soft option to legalise a previously illegal travellers' site' in a non-

Report by Tim Chapman.

Labour ward in the Vale rather than antagonise their voters.

Coun Mahoney did not mince his words either, saying residents had "been sold down the river".

He said local people had already seen the poor, existing conditions of the existing travellers' site.

"This is just one reason that residents in all parts of the country are unwilling to accept traveller sites next to their properties.

"To make matters worse the Vale Council stands accused of stringing Sully and Lavernock Community Council along for the last 14 months or so after intimating that the paddock site at Hayes Road was to be given over for allotments for the villagers.

"At the council's request, the community council has submitted professionally prepared site and business plans and sought costings for perimeter fencing and water supplies.

"Not only is the council proposing to impose a large permanent traveller site on an unwilling village but it appears quite happy to take away a much-needed open

space that 36 villagers have signed up to use!

"The residents will fight this all the way, with all means at our disposal. If traveller sites have to be provided then they should be situated well away from urban conurbations and nowhere near local residents' homes.

"I think that we can feel sure that that responsible for these suggested sites will live nowhere near the sites themselves.

"I will continue to fight for their relocation to a more suitable site away from the area."

DECISION

The Leader of the Council, Coun Neil Moor, pointed out that it has "a duty to ensure that the LDP provides suitable and appropriate accommodation for travellers".

Coun Moore explained: "We have assessed a number of options and have determined that the Deposit Draft LDP designates a site at Hayes Road for this purpose.

"The background information relating to this decision is available on the council's website.

"If the Deposit Draft LDP is approved by council later this month, all those with an interest in the plan will be able to respond to any aspect of

it as part of the statutory consultation planned for November and December. It is anticipated that the consultation will commence on November 8.

"The council will consider all comments made as a result of that consultation and I would fully expect to receive comments from Sully councillors and residents at that time.

"It would be inappropriate and premature to comment in advance of that consultation," he added.

Seventy chairs at Vale Council cost a grand total of £52,850!

THE Vale Council has spent £52,850 on 70 chairs – working out at an average of £755 each.

Coun Richard Bertin, who represents the Court Ward in Barry, contacted The GEM to highlight what he believed might be the high cost of a council purchase at a time of cuts.

He said: "I've just got told by a Vale member of staff that the council has

spent around £800 on each councillor's chair in the chamber which is used usually just every six weeks – I wonder if this is true?"

The GEM contacted the Vale Council to ask whether there was any accuracy in the claim.

A Vale Council spokeswoman replied: "In response to your question, I can confirm there are 60 new chairs at £786 each and 10 at £569."

The GEM pointed out that the cost was over £50,000, which could be deemed excessive, and asked the Vale Council to explain the reasons behind the purchase.

A Vale Council spokeswoman explained that a redesign of the chamber had been necessary because of disability legislation.

"The existing furniture was of a fixed nature and could not be re-used in a flexible space, therefore, new, removable folding desks are to be used to allow the chamber to be multi-functional and increase its usage.

"A range of furniture

types were assessed for their functionality, longevity, ease of use, appropriateness and value for money.

"The furniture selected was felt to best meet these requirements. The tables and chairs can easily be moved to allow for much greater flexibility, which will enable maximum use of the space."

In light of the confirmed cost, Coun Bertin commented: "I feel a little uneasy that the Vale Council has spent so much on chairs, given we are in the process of making difficult cuts."

Rhosee heroine receives honour

KARIN WILLIAMS, the lollipop lady from Rhosee, who became a heroine for protecting young children from an out-of-control car, was presented with an 'outstanding bravery' award at the Daily Mirror's Pride of Britain awards.

On June 20, Karin (50) became a national heroine for selflessly stepping in front of the on-coming Audi to protect children arriving at Rhosee Primary School. The story made headlines across the globe.

Karin, who suffered a number of injuries and had to undergo an eight hour operation, hopes to return to work in the future.

The Pride of Britain awards were shown on Tuesday night.

Barry Rugby Football Club

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at The Clubhouse, Wednesday 16th October 2013 at 7.30pm

CHARITY NIGHT'S £310 FOR HAITI

THE Borough Arms, High Street, Barry, hosted the latest charity show to raise funds for the devastated country of Haiti.

The night proved to be very successful, and raised £310.

This money has been forwarded to Haiti Hospital Appeal, a charity founded by two British drama students in 2006.

It is opening Haiti's first purpose-built sports centre for disabled athletes. It has already established Haiti's first emergency spinal cord unit.

Last summer, Haiti Hospital Appeal brought Leon Gaisli, who lost his wife, eight children and the use of his legs in the earthquake, to compete in the London 2012 Paralympics.

GEM readers may be aware that 200,000 people lost their lives in the quake, and that even before the catastrophe, Haiti was the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

Eighty per cent of the population is unemployed, and street traders earn £6 a week.

The £310 that was raised will achieve quite a bit for NHA.

Many thanks to all who attended and to those people who made donations, but did not attend.

The Barry Male Voice Choir have enthusiastically offered to give a concert at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Trinity Street, in the new year.

'The Standard Eights', a great rock and roll band, did the honours free and are available for bookings. Contact Chris on 07887 386714.

Scott Hawting, a 14-year-old singer/guitarist, was charismatic, accomplished, and was excellently received. He is available for bookings; contact his dad Steve on 01446 409153.

Many thanks to all who supported the show. Godfrey Knight, Barry.



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| 12. American Hot Pepperoni, onion, spicy beef & fresh chilli (extra cheese) | | | |
| 13. Tikka Tikka Onion, chicken, tikka, peppers, American spicy sausage & mushroom | | | |
| 14. Romeo's Tandoori Mushroom, onion, tandoori chicken & peppers | | | |
| 15. Seafood Tuna, prawns, anchovies, olives & onion (extra cheese) | | | |
| 16. London Pizza BBQ sauce, pepperoni, spicy beef, onion & American spicy sausage | | | |
| 17. Paris Pizza BBQ sauce, roast chicken, smoky bacon, onion & peppers | | | |
| 18. Doner Pizza BBQ sauce & doner slices (extra cheese) | | | |
| 19. Romeo Meatball Spicy sausage, onion, meatball, pepperoni & green peppers | | | |
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BRYN HAFREN PUPILS GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF WORLD LANGUAGE DAY...

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IAN DIXON

AS part of their language day on September 27, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School held a competition for pupils with the best national dress.

Those taking pride of place were the French onion sellers and an Irish leprechaun. The headteacher, Mr Phil Whitcombe, handed out the awards.

Members of staff also got into the spirit of the day by wearing a wide range of colourful costumes.



The huge carbon footprint left by two cups of coffee!

THE speaker at the Barry Men's Forum meeting last week was Mr Mike Cheeseman, who spoke with detailed knowledge of the carbon footprint we all have.

He commenced by saying almost every action that we participate in throughout the day causes carbon dioxide emissions to be created.

He identified how our

cup of coffee in the morning has not just a primary footprint of boiling the water, but has a much greater secondary footprint from grinding the coffee, refining the sugar, making the jars, washing and delivering the milk, so much so, in fact, that he stated that two cups of coffee a day for a year produces one ton of carbon dioxide.

He went on to explain the need for renewable energies to replace the fossil fuels we have

relied upon for many years, and the numerous alternatives were explored.

He noted that the world's supplies of crude oil were anticipated to run out by the year 2040, and Saudi Arabia was reviewing its anticipated reserves, which could be depleted by 2030, and this was likely to cause the cost of fuel to quadruple.

He advised that this is not the only natural resource which the world was running out of, although new techniques like 'fracking' could stave off the day of shortage of fuels.

Mike then went into great detail on the causes of the extreme weather the world is experiencing, but left it to the members to make up

their own minds as to the cause.

He did, however, note that the ice caps which were shrinking at an alarming rate over the last five years had partly regained their loss.

He concluded by referring to sea levels predicted to rise by one metre, with concerns for what is likely to happen to Barry.

The Barry Men's Forum meet at Windsor Road Church Hall every Thursday morning at 10.15am. On Thursday, October 10, the speaker will be Geraldine Beaudette whose talk is entitled 'Islands of the Bristol Channel'.

The AGM is on October 17. For further information, contact the chairman, Peter Westcott, on 02920 594881. PMW

Penarth and District Ramblers stroll in the Cotswold Hills

A mid week two-day walking festival, organised by William, taking in the wonderful Cotswold Hills and its pretty villages with their traditional honey-coloured limestone cottages, was recently enjoyed by nine members of the group, who made Burford their base.

In the past, industry thrived there and from sheep farming came the woollen mills and weaving along with tanners who were once the best saddle makers in Europe.

Burford is said to mean a defended settlement by a ford and the village sits beside the delightful River Windrush.

On day one, during their journey through Fulbrook and Swinbrook they got soaked, but luckily were able to take shelter for lunch in the 12th century St Mary's Church which holds the Fettiplace tombs, an amazing carved monument of two sets of three effigies relating to family members. From Asthall they headed out across the Wolds to Shilton before returning to Burford.

On day two in more settled weather, they left Bourton-on-the-Water which straddles the Windrush, crossed by low stone bridges, and passing Aston Mill to cross the Wolds, they reached the beautiful village of Naunton with its famous square

dovecote. At Lower Slaughter, which has been called the most beautiful village in England, they later made their way back to Bourton to get ready for the journey home to Wales.

On October 12, there is a change to the programme: meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile mod/hard walk along the Epynt Way from Llywel; contact Phil on 01446 711533.

On October 13, meet at 8.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a nine-mile moderate walk taking in Pilton Green and Rhossili in south Gower; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY
STRANGWARD

Food co-op's 'healthy' first anniversary!

VOLUNTEERS at Barry food co-op are celebrating the scheme's first anniversary this month, having been launched in October 2012 in partnership with the Vale Council-led Communities First partnership and Newydd Housing Association, to encourage healthy eating.

VALEWAYS WALKS

ON Thursday, October 10 (today) at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers (Rhoose Hub) meet at Rhoose railway station car park.

On Tuesday, October 15, at 1.30pm, 'scenic walk to salmon leaps', starting at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys. On Wednesday, October 16 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers (Barry Hub) meet at the Bridge Cafe car park.

DELIVERING OUR PRIORITIES...

A FAIR BUDGET FOR WALES...

THIS week, I presented the Welsh Government's draft Budget to Assembly Members in the Senedd, laying out our priorities for Wales for the next two years (2014-2016).

In my Statement, I said that protecting the NHS and schools, boosting economic growth, tackling poverty, and protecting the vulnerable are at the heart of our spending plans.

I made the point that the Welsh Government's Budget has been cut by the UK Government by £1.7billion since 2010, which has resulted in difficult decisions having to be made.

However, I believe we have stuck to our principles and continued to support the services which have the most beneficial impact on people's lives, seeking the common good.

Providing good education, apprenticeships and jobs for our young people is a major priority, so we are extending our three-year Jobs Growth Wales Programme into a fourth year – with £12.5million allocated for 2015-16 to create more than 4,000 extra jobs for 16-25 year-

olds, in addition to the 12,000 job opportunities already promised.

These will be supported by 'match funding' from the European Social Fund, across the whole of Wales, including the Vale of Glamorgan.

We are also extending our commitment to apprenticeships with an additional £20million for next year, supporting employers, as well as young people, with this important route to skills and jobs.

I made a major announcement on Tuesday which will benefit our NHS in Wales. We will be increasing the Health budget with a three-year package of £570million, including £150million in this financial year – 2013-14 – to enable the NHS to respond to the Francis Review, and to respond to new pressures and advances in clinical developments, such as new vaccines.

Many children and families in the Vale benefit from Flying Start – providing free childcare and parenting support in our most disadvantaged areas.

We have pledged to double this support to reach more families and

Assembly Notes



by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance)

we are committing ourselves to this in the Budget with an additional £11million and extra capital funding for childcare projects.

Our support for Flying Start is managed by the Vale Council, who will be able to develop new services as a result. The new Gibbonsdown Children's Centre is a shining example of the impact of extra funding from the Welsh Government for local Flying Start facilities.

I met with our new Community Support Officers recently at Barry Police Station, who have been funded by the Welsh

Government.

Our target of recruiting 500 CSOs for Wales is being reached and we are committing ourselves to continuing this funding in the Budget, to keep these officers on the beat.

I am also pleased that in the Budget we will be protecting our free school breakfasts, free prescriptions, and concessionary fares – which are proving vitally important to children, families, disabled and older people in Wales.

Finally, I was pleased to welcome the agreement we have forged with Plaid Cymru and the Welsh Liberal Democrats to gain their support for the Budget, in line with our shared priorities.

As a result of this agreement, the Welsh Labour Government will be supporting a substantial £35million uplift in the Pupil Deprivation Grant, which will be welcomed by schools in the Vale, with pupils eligible for free school meals.

We are also supporting the creation of an innovative new £50million Intermediate Care Fund – to help drive the integration of health, social care and housing.

We have sought to deliver our priorities with a fair Budget for Wales.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT
ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man is jailed after trashing friend's home during burglary

A FAMILY'S home was totally ransacked when a man they regarded as a friend, broke in when they left for a camping trip.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that 30-year-old Phillip Daniel vandalised every room and even broke up children's toys.

Daniel, a chef, of Highfields, Brackla, was jailed for two years. He had been convicted by Bridgend Magistrates of burglary and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Said prosecutor David Thomas: "His behaviour appeared to be nothing less than vindictive."

Mr Thomas said that the woman resident lived with her family in a flat in the Bryntirion area.

She knew Daniel, they had worked together, and he was regarded as a friend.

On Friday, July 19, her birthday, the family left the home for a camping holiday, but the following day was contacted by neighbours and returned to find the panel of the front door had been smashed.

"That was nothing compared to what she saw inside," said Mr Thomas.

There was extensive damage and a large number of items were taken, including a television, jewellery, cameras, handbags and a computer.

The bedrooms of the children were "totally trashed". Toys were damaged, pictures were slashed and headphones had wires cut.

Later that day, the police arrested Daniel for something entirely different, but they became aware he had on him some of the stolen property.

His fingerprints were also found at

the flat. The woman later said that she felt unsafe. Her children had been extremely upset, and many of the items were irreplaceable. She also had sleeping problems.

Daniel said he could not remember the offence, because he was taking Valium and mephadrone.

He denied specifically targeting the flat.

He was said to have five previous convictions, including burglary and stealing jewellery from his mother and he was in breach of a community order for possessing drugs.

His counsel, Lowri Wynn-Morgan, said: "He knows it's going to be custody. Though he cannot remember anything, he accepts full responsibility and there has been a degree of remorse."

"Because of his drug addiction, his life has spiralled downwards out of control."

She said two of his friends had died because of drugs and Daniel believed he could suffer the same fate.

Recorder Catherine Brown said: "Domestic burglary is always a serious offence and you have committed burglary before. This was particularly serious, not just because of what you took, but because of gratuitous damage."

"You even damaged the bedrooms of the two children, which was quite disgraceful conduct."

She said the fact that he could not remember what happened was no excuse.

"Clearly, you targeted the home of someone who helped you in the past. I hope you wake up and address your problems."

He was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £120.

Test drilling green light

TEST drilling could take place in three Vale locations in the future – at Llandow Trading estate, near Llantrithyd and near Dyffryn.

The three applications got the green light from councillors last Thursday, October 3.

It was a blow to local villagers.

A spokesman for Llantrithyd Villagers Against Drilling said: "We are extremely disappointed with the outcome."

"It was clear from the discussion at last Thursday's meeting that the Vale of Glamorgan's planning committee felt it had not been given enough information by the Welsh Government with which to make an informed decision on this type of application."

The spokesman said the group thought it was strange the application relating to the Llantrithyd area was rubber-stamped rather than deferred while advice was sought.

"We are not convinced that the council has dealt with our objections correctly and we are considering various options to prevent the commencement of drilling until our objections have been further considered."

The group pledged to continue its campaign and appealed to local landowners to reconsider using their agricultural land for drilling.

Plaid Cymru's Coun Ian Johnson, said he was "very disappointed" the proposals were passed.

"Although councillors were told that these are just tests, my concern is that there will not be another chance for local councillors to oppose what is happening on their doorstep if shale gas is discovered."

"If it is, a decision will be considered of too great an importance for councillors to decide for themselves."

Coun Johnson said he believed Wales should decide on its own energy policy and be able to examine 'renewables' as cleaner alternatives to fracking.

Barry shop fined for selling alcohol to underage customers

Mr Kerai of Pricedown Stores, has been fined a total of £853 for selling alcohol to

underage customers in Barry, following an investigation by the Vale Council's trading standards team.

Two in harmony

THE 75th annual concert of RAF St Athan Voluntary Band (Welsh National Eisteddfod Champions) when they host the Morrishon Orpheus Male Choir, takes place on October 19 at 7.30pm in Llanvrit Major Leisure Centre.

The programme will include items from the band's recent performance at the National Eisteddfod, Porthcawl Pavilion and St David's Hall, while the choir will perform songs and emotive hymns, for which they are internationally renowned.

Tickets are available from Chris Davies, Estate Agent, Llanvrit Major, band members, or on 01446 798527.

Mr Kerai was prosecuted at Cardiff Magistrates Court on October 3, for offences under the Licensing Act 2003.

The designated Premises Supervisor of Pricedown Stores at Skomer Road, Barry, was found guilty of selling alcohol to an underage Trading Standards volunteer, following a joint test purchasing exercise.

The test purchasing exercise was conducted by the Vale Council's

Trading Standards team and South Wales Police, funded through the Safer Vale Partnership.

Principal Trading Standards Officer Christina Roberts-Kinsey said: "This is yet another example of the excellent partnership-working undertaken here in the Vale of Glamorgan. We are committed to ensuring alcohol is not sold or supplied to anyone under the age of 18."

Council Leader, Neil Moore, said: "I urge anyone in the community who has concerns about young people accessing alcohol to contact our Trading Standards team on 01446 709105."

CALL FOR FoI LOG

REGIONAL AM Andrew RT Davies has called on the Vale Council to introduce an online disclosure log of freedom of information (FoI) requests published by the authority.

He said that such a log would increase transparency, improve public perception of the local authority and was in line with the majority of other public bodies.

Man had £6,000 drugs cache in the boot of his car

A CLASS C drug with an estimated street value of £6,000 was found when police officers stopped a vehicle in Bridgend.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Jonathan Tutt (27) of Nicholls Avenue, Porthcawl, admitted possessing ketamine with intent to supply.

He was jailed for eight months, suspended for 18 months, and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work and to be on supervision for a year.

A three-month curfew involving electronic tagging on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10pm to 5am was also imposed.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that at about 10pm on February 13, the police stopped Tutt driving a Seat vehicle in Litchard Terrace.

He told the officers: "There's some ketamine

in the boot of my car."

It was found to have a street value of up to £6,000 and weighed 469 grammes.

He was arrested and his home, then in Pen-y-Dre, was searched and on a set of scales were found traces of ketamine. He was said to have convictions for affray and causing grievous bodily harm.

Several references were produced by his solicitor, Derek Gooden.

"He accepts his culpability and the amount was certainly not for personal use and some of it would have been distributed to friends and others. There would have been some financial gain."

Mr Gooden said Tutt accepted his role was significant.

"He developed a liking for the drug during a holiday in Ibiza. He is seeing being arrested as a blessing in disguise."

In the past, he pointed

out, Tutt had not committed any drug-related offences.

"He is under no illusion that a custodial sentence is an option the court could impose. He no longer has anything to do with his drug-using associates."

He said he was employed, had a stable relationship and had not used drugs since being arrested.

"Because of his behaviour, he put himself in a precarious position," he added.

Recorder Catherine Brown said: "Anyone who deals in drugs, particularly in that quantity, is involved in a very serious matter."

"Drugs ruin people's lives. You yourself were addicted to the drug at the time. You bought the drug, and you were the dealer. You should have known better."

He was ordered to pay £100 victim surcharge.

PORTHCAWL WOMAN IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE BATTLE FOR CANCER DRUG

A PORTHCAWL woman is continuing her fight to be given an anti-cancer drug that is available in England - but not in Wales.

Beth Margetson, 49, who lives in Nottage, has been having extensive treatment since last September, when she

was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Despite having had three operations and chemotherapy, the disease has spread to her bone marrow and kidneys.

Her consultant at Velindre Hospital has recommended the drug Afinitor, a treatment which can slow the progress of the cancer, and make a big differ-

ence to her quality of life. However, a course of the drug was refused by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University health board.

Afinitor is not recommended by the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) and the cost, £68,000, is a factor in this.

Last week in The GEM, Beth, who is a former midwife in the

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NHS, argued that cancer patients in Wales are suffering as a result of how money is allocated.

She feels the main flaw in the NHS in Wales is the issue of free prescriptions.

She told The GEM: "Free prescriptions leads to massive over-prescribing and waste. People get things like paracetamol on prescription, for instance, when they are less than 50p in a supermarket."

"One estimate is that over-prescribing costs £20 million a year."

Before the introduction of free prescriptions, people either paid when the need arose, or paid an annual fee of around £100. A number of groups were exempt and received free prescriptions.

However, Beth estimates the cost of this policy is £32 million a year, and she argues that the savings that could be made would transform treatment in the NHS in Wales.

She said: "Free prescriptions was only ever a vote-grabbing exercise."

Since Beth went public about her condition,

she has been in the centre of a publicity whirlwind.

In particular, there was a huge response to her appearance on the Jason Mohammad programme on Radio Wales.

Her plight sparked an unprecedented rush of texts and e-mails from listeners, and a scheduled 20-minute slot was extended to almost 45.

On Saturday, she saw First Minister Carwyn Jones at his surgery in Bridgend, and she was encouraged by his response.

Beth commented: "He said he would take up my case, and I felt that he really identified with my situation."

One ironic aspect of the case is how it relates to her current job. After working in the NHS as a nurse, midwife and health visitor, she joined Bridgend College, lecturing in health and social policy.

She said: "My students are learning more about health and social policy from my real-life situation that they could ever get in a book!"

Those students are very supportive, as well,

and they have planned a protest march in Cardiff.

Beth said: "Details are still being worked out, but it looks like it will be on Saturday, (October 12). We will meet at the Norwegian Church at 11am and march to the Senedd, where we will hold a silent protest."

Action is needed quickly, because it looks as if Beth will have to fund the first month of her Afinitor treatment.

The family has already paid out £15,000 for private treatment, and Beth's husband, Chris, and daughter Ffion have given her total support - as have many friends in Porthcawl and Bridgend.

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "We care greatly about providing the best care for the people of Wales and our commitment is to provide evidence-based, cost-effective treatments fairly to everyone."

"Afinitor, which is the brand name for Everolimus, is not routinely available in Wales as it is not recommended by NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence)."

"All medicines that are not approved by

NICE or the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group can be prescribed in Wales where clinical exceptionalism can be demonstrated."

"Our free prescriptions policy was introduced to tackle inequities in our health system, where some people with major chronic conditions were not entitled to free prescriptions and the cost was putting them off getting their medication."

"A Cancer Drugs Fund, such as the one run in England, would unfairly disadvantage many patients with serious conditions other than cancer and is not supported by all clinicians or the general public."

"We understand just how traumatic a cancer diagnosis is for an individual and their loved ones - as with the diag-

nosis of any life threatening disease."

"We take an evidence based approach to funding the treatment of other conditions - it would be illogical and unfair not to take the same approach with cancer."

"There has yet to be any evidence showing what benefits the Cancer Drugs Fund has provided for patients in terms of quality of life and survival rates."

• Offers of support are welcome, and Beth can be contacted on 07828 666946, e-mail bethan.margetson@yahoo.co.uk and on the Facebook page Action for Afinitor.

There is also a Justgiving page, which can be reached via a link on the Facebook page.

'Lifeboat so important to Barry' says the Vale AM



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Barry RNLI fundraising committee and Beryl Wheale of Enfy's Craft Fair.

THE buckets were filling up to support the Royal National Lifeboat Institute at a packed Memorial Hall in Barry on Saturday night, as people were entertained by the London Welsh Male Voice Choir.

In the morning, the monthly Enfy's craft fair at St Francis Millennium

Centre was also raising funds for RNLI.

Both events were supported by Vale AM Jane Hutt, who commented: "Congratulations to all those who made this such a special day for the RNLI which is so important for this town. Special thanks to Barry Male Voice Choir who organised the sell-out concert."

Grant welcomed

NEWS that Buttrills Community Association had been awarded £4,590 by the Big Lottery Fund, was welcomed last week by Vale MP Alun Cairns.

"It was wonderful to see that the association have been awarded a grant of £4,590 to install new flooring in their community centre," he said.

"I have previously highlighted that the Vale has often missed out on grants and am delighted that we appear to be gaining favour with the Big Lottery fund."

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HOW THE VALE COMMUNITY CAN ENGAGE IN DEVELOPMENT PLAN

THE Vale Council has published its long-awaited Draft Local Development Plan (LDP) which sets out where development (housing and commercial) will be looked on favourably over the next 15 years.

It also sets out planning policies relating to environmental considerations.

This draft is the latest step in a long process and the plan will not be confirmed for another two years or more. However, this is the time to start putting views together for a submission to the Vale Council during the consultation period.

The whole community needs to engage with the process and all comments and concerns need to be considered during the consultation. This would be whether you agree or are opposed to the proposals.

If you are happy with the plans in areas where you are interested then it is important to write in to let the Vale Council know – for we can be sure that developers will be making their case in some of those areas that may have been offered a level of protection.

If you are unhappy with the plans, it is important your voice is heard. I am keen to engage with communities, whatever your views. I am concerned that the consultation is

set for a period of six weeks – this is the statutory minimum.

The consultation needs to be more meaningful, fully engaging and should involve bringing communities together, especially those in the areas that have been allocated for development. I have formally asked the local authority to extend the consultation to 12 weeks and I am waiting for their response.

After all, the official reason for opposing the last draft LDP for some councillors was due to a lack of sufficient time for consultation. The current six weeks involves much of December when individuals and communities will be committed with the run up to Christmas.

Whatever your stance, in view of the limited time available, community groups should consider organising meetings etc to be ready to respond fully as soon as the consultation period starts formally early next month.

It is difficult to comprehend why the draft LDP provides provision for 10,000 new homes. This is my main concern and many communities will pay a price for this.

I previously highlighted that this is a 41 per cent increase on the average build over the last 15 years. I don't know where the Vale Council or Welsh Government expects these people to be coming from!

There has also been a new census data, which impacts this number. If this data reduces the target, it will now be more difficult

to exclude land from development and there will be a further cost to the process.

The plan also governs the development in green areas and sets environmental policies. In view of the applications to explore for shale gas across the Vale, this is our opportunity to include policies of the highest environmental standards, thus setting a high bar on such developments in green areas.

It is our chance to state where tourism and the green economy take precedence. These policies could be key to maintaining our natural environment over the next 15 years, when developers are pressing ahead with controversial planning applications.

I am keen to work with groups and individuals to help and support. My website www.alun.cairns.co.uk gives fuller details on the process and the broad timescales. Please contact me by email or otherwise if I can assist.



The Vale MP, Alun Cairns, reports to GEM readers

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COURT PACT at The YMCA Hub, Court Road, Barry, October 10 between 10am-12 noon.

BUTTRILLS PACT, at Philip John Community Room, Barry Library on October 17 at 6.30pm.

STANWELL PACT, at Elfed Avenue United Church, Penarth, on October 11 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, at Bethesda Chapel, Fair Oaks, on October 14 at 7pm.

COWBRIDGE PACT at the town Fire Station on October 14 at 7pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT at the Windsor Arms Public House, Penarth, on October 16 at 7pm.

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LDP debate is set to run and run...

LAST week's unveiling of the Local Development Plan (LDP) has prompted a wide range of comments, as the various interested parties digest the details and examine the fine print.

The LDP allocates land for housing and employment growth, together with infrastructure for transport, education, community facilities and open space for the 15 years, 2011 to 2026.

Both Plaid and the Conservatives have expressed regret that the housing requirement figure for the plan is still

9,950, plus a reserve site of 500 units at Sully.

The reserve unit will only be developed in the latter phases of the plan period if other housing allocations are not delivered.

Coun Ian Johnston, of Plaid, had argued that the Vale's population was not increasing, and therefore the housing requirement should be scaled back.

However, at a media briefing, Coun Lis Burnett, the cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, said the council had to follow Welsh Government hous-

ing projection figures.

She said that new figures were likely to be released before the year end, and that if the figures were reduced, adjustments could be made to the plan over the remaining 13 years that it will run.

The Conservative Leader in the Senedd, Andrew RT Davies, felt that the council should have waited for these new figures.

He said: "What we now see is a plan identical in terms of the target number of new homes, but which has seen development driven out of urban areas like Barry into a wider number of rural villages and green spaces, totally at odds with local public opinion."

"My concern is that many of these developments will be unsustainable and that the character of the rural Vale is going to be irreparably harmed."

Mr Davies insisted that the LDP should have been delayed, saying: "The previous plan was drafted in line with Welsh Government targets for development which now appear to be out of date and, in a matter of weeks, the Welsh Government will bring forward figures that are expected to confirm this."

An east-west split in the Vale is looming. Dennis Harkus, the chair of FocusBARRY, told

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The GEM that a recent meeting had welcomed the reduction of housing in Barry, from 3,052 to 2,460.

Key housing sites in the LDP include **Barry Waterfront** (1,700 dwellings), and there are six sites in and around the **St Athan Enterprise Zone** area adding up to around 1,300 dwellings and associated infrastructure including a northern access road.

The plan has allocated land to the north and west of **Darren Close, Cowbridge** for 390 dwellings. A previous plan at the site, around 10 years ago, proposing 145 homes, was defeated at a public inquiry.

The new allocation has far more houses, and land for a new Welsh medium primary school with a link road connecting the A48 and Llantwit Major Road.

Another new school is planned for land on upper **Cosmeston Farm, Lavernock**, where 235 dwellings will also be built.

Land vacant now that **St Cyres School** has moved to the Penarth site is earmarked for 300 dwellings including community and open space uses.

Another new primary school is pencilled in for **Rhoose** on land north of

the railway line, where 650 homes are planned.

On the A48, land to the east of **Bonvilston** has been set aside for 120 dwellings, including outdoor sport and road improvements.

Land has also been allocated for a new hotel at Cottrell Park.

The LDP wants around 25 per cent of the new homes to be 'affordable' - a total of 2,694 has been pencilled in.

One decision already causing controversy is the allocation of land for a permanent gypsy and traveller site at Hayes Road, Sully, in order to meet an identified need of 18 pitches.

The previous LDP proposed that a camp be sited at Llangan, but that has now been dropped.

Transportation proposals include: the Barry Island Road, Northern Access Road, improvements to the Five Mile Lane (A4226) and Gileston, Old Mill.

A council spokesperson said: "A minerals working policy provides a framework for the determination of any applications for mineral extraction including shale gas."

The LDP is favouring tourism and leisure developments at Barry Island Pleasure Park, Nell's Point and Cottrell

Park Coun Lis Burnett said: "The LDP, once adopted, will provide a framework for sustainable development within the Vale up to 2026."

"In setting this framework for the future development of the Vale, we have been mindful of the need to regenerate and support our communities and in doing so the plan seeks to achieve a balance between economic growth, social cohesion and environmental impact."

"Wherever possible, the plan's emphasis is on re-using previously developed land and minimising the need to develop on green fields."

"Nowhere is this more apparent than in Barry where the emphasis is very much on the continued regeneration of the Waterfront."

"In addition, we have ensured that sufficient emphasis is being placed on providing for an appropriate level of growth in other communities throughout the Vale thereby ensuring their long term sustainability and vitality."

She said that the "evidence base" backing the various proposals was much more detailed than in the previous Draft Deposit Plan.

She continued: "This plan contains significantly more detail and evidence on where new education, community and healthcare facilities are

required and also identifies new transport proposals and the open space needed to support and facilitate additional housing and employment allocations."

"The plan seeks to grasp the opportunities offered by the 'St Athan - Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone' and demonstrates the essential role that the Vale plays in the success of the wider City-Region Area. It also demonstrates a firm commitment to the on-going regeneration of Barry and the Vale."

Plaid Councillor Chris Franks was concerned about infrastructure, saying: "The council is more about how it intends to address bottle necks at the Merrie Harrier and Culverhouse Cross. These key intersections are already at capacity at peak times."

"How these junctions and roundabout can be expected to cope with thousands of additional vehicles is beyond me."

"One possible solution

might be improved public transport yet at present the Welsh Government is cutting support for buses."

"Labour says it wants more people to use buses and trains, but their actions speak louder than words. Plaid would give public transport a higher priority."

Coun Burnett said that the series of drop-in sessions publicised in last week's GEM were intended to give residents a chance to gather information before the start of the six-week consultation. The expected start date is early November.

For legal reasons, only responses sent to the council during that six-week period could be officially recorded as part of the consultation.

She warned that comments sent to the council before that date would be noted, but could not be included in the consultation process.

Knights return to Cosmeston

FOUR hundred visitors turned out for a special event which saw Cosmeston Medieval Village transported back to a time of duelling knights and master swordsmen.

The stars were William De Caversham's medieval knights with traditional music provided by the musical quartet, Contraband).

Knight of Honour Richard Cooper passed his 'knight's test' during

the weekend and described it as, "the most exhausting thing I've ever done".

The newly-qualified knight added: "Although I only had to fight for 12 minutes in total, the weight of the armour and the fact that you are fighting a new opponent every two minutes, really saps your strength."

Vale Council staff and volunteers provided visitors with a taste of medieval life by offering tours of the village led by costumed guides.

Craft guild's open evening

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers is holding an open evening workshop today, Thursday, October 10, in the Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys, at 7.30pm.

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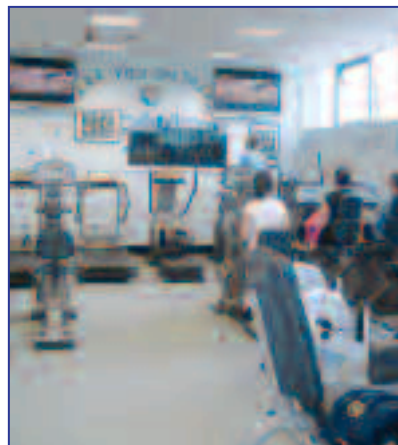
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There will be displays of pupils' work in all subject areas and members of staff and pupils will be present to answer your questions. The open mornings on 21st, 22nd, 23rd of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

The examination successes at Bryn Hafren continue with the ninth year of rising GCSE results. In 2013 the percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more A* to C was an all time record of 94%. Mr Whitcombe, Headteacher was delighted by the academic performance of the pupils, including an incredible 98% of pupils who gained at least 5 GCSEs A to G. The value added at all Key Stages is well ahead of our targets and the performance of similar schools in Wales. The GCSE results marked another outstanding year of examination success for Bryn Hafren pupils.

Curriculum:

Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. The school is just completing the refurbishment of the Drama and Music departments which includes a larger Drama studio, two newly equipped Music rooms, three practice rooms as well as a music computer room. The ICT suites have been refurbished and a Lego innovation studio added to include robotics.

In addition the Design Technology, Food Technology, Art, Media departments and Learning Resource Centre have recently been refurbished. All eight Science Laboratories have been refurbished and re-equipped.

Recent building additions include a second Hair and Beauty suite and an Astro Turf area. The curriculum has further been enhanced by the addition of Wider Key Skills at KS3, giving pupils an equivalent of 2 GCSE's at grade B. The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied in KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital qualifications as they move into further education or employment. The provision of extra-curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutor system offers good support and guidance in a caring community. Progress is monitored and individual pupils are encouraged to achieve academic success in a fully inclusive environment. The school works closely with parents via Form Tutor and Parents' Evenings through the year. In addition, the school welcomes individual contact with parents as required.



Science – One of the newly refurbished Science Laboratories



LEFT: Residential experiences include language and culture courses as well as outdoor pursuits. Pupils recently visited Mt Vesuvius, Sorrento, Italy.



Awards ceremony – All pupils are regularly rewarded for good attendance, effort improvement and excellence in lessons.



The Learning Resource Centre is available for pupil use before school, break and lunchtimes as well as after school.

The Performing Arts Department produced a highly successful production of The Sound of Music with over 100 pupils from all year groups involved. They are currently rehearsing for their next production 'Annie', which will run in March in The Memorial Hall.



Porthcawl RNLI volunteers are honoured at 'Pride of Britain'

THREE volunteers from the Porthcawl RNLI Flood Rescue Team have won the Pride of Britain Emergency Services Award – for their part in the heroic rescue of a woman clinging to a branch in fast-flowing flood waters at Umberleigh, Devon on December 23, last year.

Boat team leader Paul Eastment and helmsman Chris Missen, both of Porthcawl, and crew member Martin Blaker-Rowe from the west country, officially received the award at a ceremony in London on (October 7).

The Flood Rescue Team were nominated for the award by Vanessa Glover, the woman they rescued.

She said: "They know how proud of them I am of them and how very grateful I am to be alive. I'm so grateful for this showcasing and nomination. They are volunteers, and they had driven 150 miles to rescue me. They rescued me, risked their own lives and drove home again."

The drama unfolded in the early hours of December 23 at Umberleigh, where the river Taw had reached 3.5 metres above its normal range.

Mother-of-one, Vanessa Glover had been swept from her car after it was forced off a road by powerful flood water, leaving her husband and seven-year-old son clinging to the car roof. She had managed to catch hold of a

branch, but a rescue helicopter was over an hour away and initial rescue attempts were unsuccessful. With no other options available, the RNLI's Flood Rescue Team decided to launch.

The situation was particularly dangerous: the team was unfamiliar with the area, it was dark, the flood waters were moving at 12 knots and carrying debris.

To add to this, the water level was still rising and conditions were fast deteriorating, as heavy rain continued to fall.

At 1.51am the RNLI Flood Rescue Team launched their modified Arancia rescue boat, with Chris Missen at the helm. Boat team leader Paul Eastment and crew member Martin

Blaker-Rowe worked together to look for debris coming downstream and guide Chris along the safest route to the casualty.

Chris expertly manoeuvred the boat in the darkness, with only the crew's head-torches and a small spotlight for help.

Meanwhile, the police helicopter was hovering over the spot where Mrs Glover clung to the branch, using their spotlight to indicate her location to

the boat crew below.

Chris carefully directed the boat just downstream from Mrs Glover, where maintaining a steady position in such conditions was extremely difficult.

Martin and Paul reached for Mrs Glover and finally pulled her into the boat. She had been in the water for 50 minutes and was at the point of exhaustion.



ABOVE: Chris Missen, Paul Eastment and Martin Blaker-Rowe.

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WRITERS' CIRCLE

THE next meeting of Bridgend Writers' Circle is on Friday, (October 11) at the Bryntirion and Laleston Community Centre from 7.15pm-9.15pm.

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Out and About with The GEM

Scarecrows arrive for the Food Festival!



TEACHERS and pupils of Oak Field Primary School, Barry have been busy making their scarecrows for the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival Scarecrow Trail.

As published in The GEM recently, the school was asked to make a scarecrow, based on a character from a children's book and having selected Beauty and the Beast, decided to make both of the lead characters.

Teacher Sarah Di Tomaso said the children had spent a lot of time thinking about materials that were available around their school that could be

recycled: "The children were really excited to be making something so colourful and fun. They were really enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed themselves".

Trail organiser Tracy James-Lieberman said: "I think these scarecrows are fantastic and I can't wait for the visitors to see them."

Free maps for the scarecrow trail will be available from Liquorice Laces, Oscars and the Entertainment Zone over the festival weekend, and if you'd like to make your own, contact Tracy on 07773 804470.

See www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org.

THAT'S THE TICKET, AS THE FOOD FESTIVAL GOES MORE PUBLIC!

FOR the 10th anniversary, Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival committee has introduced a more visible wristband ticketing system, sponsored by HSBC, who staff the ticket booths over the weekend of October 26-27.

Not only is it hoped that this will make things clearer to staff on the gate (rather than the ink stamps of previous years), but the committee is inviting local businesses to welcome the visitors into their establishments by offering a benefit to those wearing wristbands.

So far, offers include free entry, discounted entry, a free sample of new product, a percentage off on orders over a certain amount and free classes, but it is entirely up to the businesses of Cowbridge as to what to offer.

Some of these offers are specifically valid over the weekend, but some have a longer shelf life to encourage repeat visits to Cowbridge.

Those businesses participating will be listed on the website along with a brief description of what they are offering.

This will also appear in The GEM Guide, produced before the Festival. An up to date

list will also be distributed over the weekend itself and a poster to highlight participating businesses will also be provided. This is all offered free of charge to the business.

Festival Chair, John Davies, explained: "Our commitment continues to be to the whole town of Cowbridge.

"We want to help boost business over the

weekend by promoting what else there is on offer in the town, whilst offering added value to those attending."

Day tickets are £5 each and the weekend pass has been reintroduced at £8 each (under 12s remain free of charge).

If you would like to know more about the scheme, contact Tracy on 07773 804470.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D795.

● £2,000: 288099.
● The rollover, which now stands at £8,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 6 3 3 3 6 6.
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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

WHAT'S ON

Ward surgery
LABOUR Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town councillors for Castledale ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 12, in the Drop-In Centre, Castledale Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry, from 10.30am-12pm.

No appointment necessary. If you need advice but can't attend, call Coun Elmore on 01446 450007, or 07867 506116.

Toy and train sale
CARDIFF toy and train sale takes place on October 12 at 10.30am-3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: Our venue in Penarth is second-to-none and is ideal for the purpose, being well-lit, easily accessed and clean and modern. Cogan Railway Station is virtually next door and many of our customers make the most of the very frequent train services from all parts.

Telephone 01643 702757 and 07966 694579; website www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk

Cowbridge senior citizens
COWBRIDGE senior citizens' next outing is on Tuesday, October 15, meeting at Geoffrey Ashe Court bus stop at 9am and town hall at 9.10am.

The venue is Brecon, with an optional canal boat trip or visit to Abergavenny Market.

Contact Mavis Ashford (01446 775508) or Patricia Prothero (01446 775097).

The meeting is on Thursday, October 17 at the lesser hall at 2pm. The speaker will be Tony Bennett, on his journeys with his Ferrari.

Trust meets
VALE Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers will meet on October 16 at 7.30pm in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Dr Peter Hatherley will talk on ancient and pagan curios in churches.

This year's AGM will be held at 11am on Saturday, October 26 at St David's Hall.

Art society
ON October 17 at Cowbridge Art Society, local artist Lloyd Rowe gives a demonstration of mixed media techniques.

The society meets on

Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm; visitors and new members welcome.

Bingo night
A BINGO evening in aid of St Cattwg's Church in Llanmaes will be held at 7pm on November 16 in the Llanmaes Village Hall. Tickets £6 (including supper).

Contact either 01446 796224 or 01446 790222 for tickets.

Violin concert
AT Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pencoed, on October 18 from 7pm, teenage violinist Clarke Alonzi is performing 'Salut D'Amour' by Edward Elgar; 'Violin Concerto in G Minor' by Max Bruch and 'Obertas' by Hen ryk Wieniawski.

Stewart Roberts is the piano accompanist and admission is free.

Voluntary goodwill donations accepted for the Presbyterian English medium school, Durlang, Mizoram, north-east India. Refreshments available at the end of the concert.

Chrysanthus show
THIS year marks the 89th annual show of the Barry and District Chrysanthemum Society, and as in past years, it will be held at the Salem Baptist Church Hall in Beryl Road, from 1.30pm on October 30.

Exhibitors are invited to bring their exhibits on Tuesday, October 29, between 5.30pm-8pm, or on October 30 from 8.30am-9.30am. Judging will commence at 10.30am.

Divisions A, B and C will be for the Chrysanthemum classes; division D will be for container-grown plants; division E will be for domestic items, ranging from biscuits, cakes, gateaux, marmalade, jams, etc.

Division F is the handicraft section and will contain knitted items, crochet, embroidery, flower arrangement, paintings, etc.

Anyone wishing to enter should contact K Williams at 27 Regent Street, or telephone 01446 741733. Alternatively, turn up on the Tuesday night at Salem Baptist Church between 5.30pm-8pm.

Art show
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Black Cat day for Friends

FRIENDS of Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre are holding a Spooktacular and Black Cat Day at the Bryncethin Memorial Hall and Institute on Saturday, October 26 from 10.30am-3.30pm.

The event will raise much-needed funds to help care for unwanted cats and kittens at Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre. There will be a fancy dress competition for best Halloween and Black Cat costume, prize raffle, cuddly toy tombola, hoopa, book stall. Entrance is £1 (including raffle ticket, children under 12 free.

One of the aims of the event is to highlight the difficulty in homing black and black and white cats in the lead up to National Cat Day on October 31.

Sue Emlyn-Jones, event organiser, said: "Black and black and white cats make lovely pets, but are often passed by potential adopters in favour of other colours.

"As well as raising funds, we are hoping the event will encourage people to adopt a black cat since they are considered to be lucky, giving one a second chance could bring good fortune to you both!"

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It's the most important office party question...
Do you shape up on the dance floor?

EVERYONE is familiar with the pitfalls of planning an office party, but perhaps the most tricky issue is this one – do you opt for a restaurant or pub, or choose somewhere with a disco?

If ever a decision was designed to sort the exhibitionists from the wallflowers, this is it.

When the meal is finished, and the coffee is getting cold, the DJ lights up his corner of the room and says: "Hi everyone,

are we having a great time?" – and puts on ABBA.

Actually, you could run an office sweep on this, and the person who draws out 'Dancing Queen' will be feeling pretty confident of taking the money.

I guess it's time to declare an interest at this point, as a fully paid-up member of the two left feet, no sense of rhythm, section of society.

It was several years ago that, in a Christmas party feature, I wrote those opening paragraphs.

I wrote about the sense of dread we two-left-footers have as we work our way through the courses – because the moment when the music starts is looming.

You can be pretty certain that most of the female side of the party group will get out there and shake their stuff.

It's not as if they are all good dancers – it's just that they are not hampered by

the hang-ups so many blokes have.

So, time has moved on since I wrote those self-conscious and slightly self-pitying words?

Have things changed?

Too right they have!

They have got a whole lot worse and let me suggest why.

Reason 1: *Strictly Come Dancing* has changed the perception of dancing.

Over the years that *Strictly* has been prime time entertainment, it has been very noticeable that people can get better at dancing – it just takes a bit of effort.

Beginners with some talent can get really good (any of the *Strictly* winners are examples of this), while even the ones with little obvious rhythm can make good progress.

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FESTIVE PARTY 'Be Drink Aware' WARNING...

CHRISTMAS parties – whether a business get together or a social event – are there to be enjoyed, but sensible, forward planning can ensure there are no negative consequences after the event!

The drink awareness charity, Drinkaware (www.drinkaware.co.uk) has a number of tips which encourage revellers to drink responsibly and make the most of the office party.

The charity quotes the example of a 36-year-old manager of a computer company. In the past he's dreaded having to organise his firm's annual bash.

He said: "Some of my co-directors have been in business since the 1970s, when all-day drinking was considered the point of any Christmas party."

"They used to order constant rounds and everyone else had to keep up. By about seven o'clock we all felt completely trashed."

After too many hangover telephone calls to restaurants apologising for the previous night's behaviour (and trying to locate lost coats and handbags) Roger decided to ring the changes.

He said: "These days I try and make sure that there's plenty of mineral water available on the tables for everyone and that people don't feel pressured to order alcohol."

"Most staff still enjoy a drink, but it does help calm everything down."

Alcohol-free options

The good news is that soft drinks are no longer seen as an unsophisticated option. With upmarket organic lemonade and cola, plus a wide range of alcohol-free cocktails increasingly available, taking a breather from the wine, beer or spirits does not have to be boring.

Alternating alcohol with softer options helps you make the most of the night ahead.

Non-alcoholic drinks keep you hydrated and ensure that you are still partying when others have long since flaked out.

He added: "One of the things I've realised is that pacing yourself is important."

"If you slow down with the wine, you get to enjoy a proper chat with people you might not have really spoken to all year."

PARTY TIPS:

Eat before the party – You're on a road to

nowhere if you decide to swap dinner for a couple of drinks, as it gives the alcohol a head-start on your system.

To slow down the effects eat a meal (preferably with carbohydrates like pasta or bread) and grab some nibbles once the party starts.

Find out how much is too much – Government guidelines recommend men stick to three to four units of alcohol (that's two pints of beer or four single vodkas) per day, while for women it's two to three units (one 175ml glass of wine or three single vodkas).

Watch out for over-generous party measures that mean you end up drinking more than you'd really like.

Plan your journey home – Don't leave yourself vulnerable on the way back from the party.

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Cutting a rug at the office do!

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There are, of course, hopeless cases such as Ann Widdecombe and Tony Jacklin, but I think the argument that people can improve still holds good in spite of that.

Reason 2/ Mobile phones and the internet.

This is, of course, an all purpose answer. Take any subject, whether it be education, film and TV, political debate, teenagers, and you can always argue that things have got worse because of mobile phones and the internet.

Nevertheless it holds true for us dodgy dancers – and this reason has two sub-divisions.

a/ Ordinary people with no particular talent get up and dance, put it on YouTube and with a bit of confidence they can carry it off.

At the moment, there is a great one out there entitled 'Girl quits her job with a dance'. The protagonist isn't a trained dancer, and doesn't have any particular technical expertise.

She is simply a great example of carrying it through with chutzpah and self confidence.

The question hangs in the air – if she can do it (and get millions of hits on YouTube) then what – Mr Two Left Feet – is your problem?

b/ This one is simple. If you try, and if you get it badly wrong – then someone could record it for posterity on their phone!!

Reason 3/ There are so many different forms of dance out there now. Surely you can find one that works?

Peter Crouch is six foot seven and a bit ungainly, yet even he can look quite cool doing a robot dance.

Take a little time to watch people on the dance floor and you will see a huge variety. Some people look good making movements that anyone could do – it's all a question of doing them in time to the music, and introducing some variety.

Two-left-footers tend to find something that they believe is 'not too bad' and repeat ad infinitum.

Reason 4/ Ricky Gervais.

This one hardly needs explaining but if you know you are not a good dancer, then the thought of getting carried away, thinking you have suddenly found the formula, and then finding out that you have got it all wrong, is a constant nightmare.

I mentioned earlier in the piece that the female section of an office party tend to get out on the dance floor – and when I wrote this some time ago I thought that someone might take issue with it.

Perhaps a stern letter pointing me to the FBD (Female Bad Dancers) support group.

That didn't happen. The Two Left Foot Society still appears to be one of those archaic institutions – like Muirfield Golf Club – a men only club.

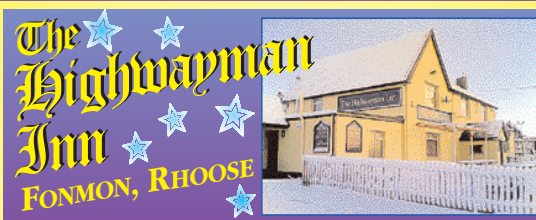
Do I hear someone saying: "Hey, loosen up! It's meant to be a fun night."

That's true, and in fact, I've never missed an office party.

I've always enjoyed them, too. The truth is, it never has been that traumatic.

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Concern over missing man

POLICE are asking for the public's assistance to help locate Ibrahim Abdi (47), last seen in the Llandough area of the Vale around noon on Thursday, September 26.

He is described as 5' 9" tall and of medium build with cropped hair and a small moustache. When last seen, he was wearing a black jacket and brown trousers.

A spokesperson said police are extremely concerned about Ibrahim Abdi's welfare and officers are very keen to trace him.

They are appealing to him, or any member of the public who knows



IBRAHIM ABDI

where he might be, to contact them and confirm his whereabouts and ensure he is safe and well.

Anyone who has seen Ibrahim Abdi, or who knows where he can be found, is asked to contact South Wales Police in Cardiff Bay on 101, or Crimestoppers free on 0800 555111 (quote reference 303534).

VALE CABINET 'OUTREACH'

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's cabinet will be holding its next 'community' meeting on Monday, October 21, at 6pm-8pm in the Civic Offices on Holton Road, Barry.

The meeting is open to the public, who will have the chance to question the Cabinet members at the end of the meeting.

A spokesperson explains: "A vow to make local decision-making more transparent and inclusive led the cabinet to take its meetings to the community. Last year's community cabinet meeting in

Barry proved popular, with plenty of questions for the seven cabinet members and senior council officers.

"Cabinet usually meets in public at the Civic Offices every fortnight at 2pm, but the meetings are now being held regularly at other local community venues. They are also regularly visiting communities throughout the Vale for question and answer sessions."

Details of all cabinet meetings, including agendas and minutes, are available on the council's website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

QUIZ LEAGUE round-up

THE Bridgend and District Quiz League kicked off its 41st season on Monday, September 30 and will be sponsored for a year as the 'Intertruck and Pages DIY' League.

The first results were as follows: One match in each division was cancelled, the Laleston Inn A and Llangewydd Arms and the Bush Kangaroos and Pyle RFC; the latter in both matches being awarded the two points in the table.

The results in the games played were Division 1 Swan Nomads lost at home to Tyrrish Royals by 51-46 and Tondur Railway Club who scored 52 to Crown Inn A's 43.

In Division 2, Crown Inn B beat Coychurch Wanderers 42-39, Cabo Roche had a 46-34 away win at Oldcastle B and

Pheasant Poachers made a good start in their attempt to return quickly to the top division by defeating Laleston Inn B 47-36.

Here are your four-for-thought:

1. In Greek mythology, whose prophecy was condemned not to be heeded?

2. Which of the Apostles was called the Canaanite and had the surname Zelotes?

3. In which US city will you find the football team known as the Browns?

4. 'The Self Portrait' aged 63' is of which Dutch artist painted during the final year of his life in 1669?

A RUDGE (for Quiz League)

ANSWER:
1. Cassandra
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MCAVOY'S FILTH-Y PERFORMANCE IS A MANIC DELIGHT!

SEVERAL filmmakers have tried to adapt the work of Irvine Welsh from the page to the screen, but only Danny Boyle has come close to replicating his manic and

demented energy with *Trainspotting*, something Jon S Baird will be aiming for with Welsh adaptation, *Filth*.

James McAvoy plays Bruce Robertson, a bigoted junkie police detective whose bid to secure promotion and win back

his wife and daughter could be derailed by any number of his proclivities, as Bruce's life starts to unravel...

The easy option for any filmmaker taking on Irvine Welsh is to amp up the controversial aspect of his storytelling while ignoring the nuts and bolts that underpin

the drugs and destruction of the characters.

This is something that Jon S Baird has avoided when adapting *Filth*, concentrating as much on the narrative as the bells and whistles, and the end result is the best Welsh adaptation since *Trainspotting*, and, in its own right, a prime slice of top-quality British cinema.

Having attracted a top-quality cast, Baird brings out the best of them, with James McAvoy delivering what may just be the finest performance of his career to date, as the severely misanthropic detective.

On permanent edge, and beholden to drugs and alcohol amongst other things, Bruce is the very definition of an anti-hero, someone whose moral compass isn't just off, but smashed to smithereens. Yet McAvoy's performance makes him more than simply the sum of his parts, the actor bringing the merest glimmer of redemption to his multi-layered character.

That Baird doesn't take the road most travelled by teaching Bruce life-lessons as we go along is a credit to both the source material and the writer/director, instead letting Bruce



by GARETH JAMIESON
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sink to the bottom before giving him a hint of a new start.

As the story develops, and Bruce becomes more rounded, your sympathies shift naturally, but you are never allowed to feel wholly empathetic to the character, which makes him more real and, in a perverse way, human.

Around him are fine supporting turns from the likes of John Sessions, Jamie Bell, Imogen Poots, Eddie Marsan, Joanne Froggatt and Shirley Henderson, but it is McAvoy's performance that tears through the film, the supporting cast giving the film strong foundations on which McAvoy can build.

Given that Baird's background was laid in the rougher elements of British cinema, having been involved with films such as *Green Street* and *Cass*, he shows a great leap in ability.

Script-wise the story is tight but unfolds slowly and deftly, allowing the elements to unravel in front of your very eyes, while his direction is reminiscent of Danny Boyle's in *Trainspotting*, cleverly using dream sequences and random elements to convey the psychosis and manic energy of the lead character.

While *Filth* may not be to everybody's tastes, with the final stretch in particular hard-going as everything comes to a head, it is certainly worthy of attention, a bravura piece of homegrown filmmaking that reaffirms James McAvoy's talent and highlights John S Baird's abilities as a writer and director.

VERDICT: A provocative film that is underpinned by an engaging story that delivers impact, *Filth* is a showcase for James McAvoy's talents as he delivers perhaps the finest performance of his career yet. Not an easy watch, it is however a sensational piece of filmmaking, coarse, hard-hitting and poignant. *Recommended.*
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Trainspotting* (1996), *Bad Lieutenant* (2009).

New book tells of Welsh settlers who moved to Patagonia

by PHILIP IRWIN

A NEW book by a south Wales author tells the dramatic story of the first Welsh settlers who set out 149 years ago for a new life in Patagonia.

You don't need to be a mathematician to work out that the book, *Ticket to Paradise*, is out in time for the planned 150th anniversary celebrations, but Elizabeth Morgan's book has a lot more in its favour than good timing.

Her career, first as a busy actress who was regularly in work from the 1960s to the mid-1990s on shows from *District Nurses* to *Hetty Wainthorn Investigates*, and then as a writer of radio plays, has equipped her to tell a story – and the story of the Welsh settlers who sailed from Liverpool on the *Mimosa* has all the right ingredients.

Hardship? The author paints a vivid picture of a bleak life in the coalfields near Merthyr, concentrating on two families who decide to escape – dazzled by promises of a perfect new life in Argentina.

It's grim in Liverpool as, with no money left, they struggle to survive because the ship's departure is delayed for weeks.

It gets grimmer on board, as the settlers struggle through high seas, sea sickness and illness brought on by unsanitary conditions.

Then they make it to Argentina – and find their problems are just beginning!

Villains? You are spoiled for choice. Argentinian politicians who failed to keep promises. Fire and brimstone Welsh preachers who blame all their ill fortune on 'sin' and, of course, the English.

Elizabeth Morgan divides her time these days between home in Cardiff, and a place near Cannes, so it is best to warn her English fans to get ready for some post-colonial guilt.

The English industrialists and politicians treated the Welsh appallingly, and if you ever wondered why the



ABOVE: Liz Morgan reading from *Ticket to Paradise* at the book launch.

Welsh get worked up when they play England at rugby, this book will tell you.

The settlers are not all painted as brave little heroes. There are a few unsavoury characters, and it all goes to make the story – which fairly rattles along – totally believable.

At the official launch, in the Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff, Liz and fellow-actor Gareth Potter read extracts from the book, and it was a pleasure to hear them read so well. Her time as a radio playwright has been time well spent, as the dialogue scenes in the book are particularly powerful.

She was born in Llanelli and is still a

passionate Scarlets fan. Whenever she can get tickets, she is at the Millennium Stadium for the Six Nations Championship, and now, she has written a fascinating account of a much neglected period of Welsh history.

Who knows, it could well be a movie or TV mini-series. The story has an epic sweep, and the hero, Dafydd, would be a great role for a star actor.

By coincidence, Matthew Rhys has already made a film called *Patagonia*, so I guess Liz will have to settle for Ioan Gruffudd!

Ticket to Paradise is published by Opening Chapter, Cardiff (www.openingchapter.co.uk)

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House prices are to blame

IT was with great interest that I read Andrew Howard's GEM letter headed 'I would love to return home to Ystradowen' and I wholeheartedly support the point regarding affordable housing.

However, this issue is not confined to Ystradowen but includes Cowbridge itself and the

surrounding villages – for example, St Hilary, Penllyn, Colwinston, and Pendoylan.

There is an argument that more housing is required – but I feel it is the affordability of the current housing available that is the problem.

Until there is a significant re-adjustment in house prices, I fear more prodigal sons and daughters will never be able to return home.

David Rosser,
Llantrisant

Bus stops, in more ways than one!

DOES anyone else think it ironic, if not ludicrous, when at the same time as bus services have been cut right across the Vale, workmen have spent the last 10 days or so building new bus stops along the length of the A48 between the new crossroads at

Five Mile Lane and Culverhouse Cross?

One right at the entrance to the golf club is obviously to cater for those golfers at Cottrell Park who take the bus...!

It strikes me that this is a case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing – but resulting in a gross misuse of public money.

Valerie Jasinski,
Cowbridge

Bus services, 'from feast to famine'

WHILST recognising Coun Moore's right to reply, I must take issue with his response (in last week's GEM).

The Vale Council leader is right to say that I was not at the meeting last month, but two members of my staff were present on my behalf and their word corresponds with that of several councillors with whom I have spoken – each of whom expressed their surprise to hear the Leader of the council use the antagonistic phrase "use it or lose it" in relation to the Vale's decimated bus service.

As such, I remain satisfied that the phrase was indeed used by Coun Moore.

In any case, Coun Moore admits in his letter that he subscribes to the view when he observes that bus services need to be used in order to be viable.

The problem is that many services in the Vale have gone from feast to famine overnight – without warning.

Some of the rural services that have now been withdrawn altogether were operating on a basis that was unsustainable; there is no need

to run buses several times an hour perhaps, when just one reliable hourly service will suffice.

However, residents were not given the chance to 'use it or lose it' as Coun Moore observed. Services were simply withdrawn, leaving many residents isolated.

Sadly, there is no full record, an issue which I have now discovered was raised at the previous meeting of the full council.

I would suggest that introducing a clear record of proceedings would improve transparency, allowing residents to properly scrutinise the language used by councillors, and dealing with disagreements like this at the stroke of a scribe's pen.

Andrew RT Davies,
AM
(Leader of the Welsh Conservatives)

GEM FOOTNOTE:

In his printed reply to Mr Davies' original criticism last week, the Vale Council Leader pointed out that he was reiterating a comment made by a resident at the meeting, and was adamant that he himself had not used the expression "use it or lose it".

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COWBRIDGE AND THE REVISED DRAFT LDP

IHAVE noted with interest the housing allocation changes between the initial Draft LDP issued February 2012 and the revised Draft LDP now published in October 2013.

This shows that the allocation of 500 dwellings at Weycock Cross, Barry, has been deleted and housing allocations in Cowbridge have been increased to 561, including the site adjoining St Athan Road, up from 100 to 130 and 390 dwellings at an entirely new allocation site north and west of Darren Close (Darren Farm) (to include a two-hectare area protected for a new Welsh medium primary school).

Both of these allocations are on productive agricultural green-field sites, contrary to national planning policy.

The only thing that has changed in the intervening period is the council leadership. The housing targets and planning factors and principles to be taken into consideration are just the same.

Let us examine the size and impact of the Cowbridge housing allocations in the revised Draft Plan:

This represents for Cowbridge an over 25 per cent increase in total dwellings, without any plan to increase employment in the town.

Census figures show that already over 80 per cent of the working population in Cowbridge travel outside the town to work.

Assuming one working person per new household (and a current working population of 2,000) the new allocations would add 560 (over 25 per cent) commuters living in the town, which is totally

contrary to the principle of sustainability that is at the heart of current planning policy.

A Wales Assembly Planning Inspector in 2004 refused a planning application and appeal for a housing development and link road of similar area on the Darren Farm site. He gave five sound planning reasons for the refusal, which are still valid.

In that case, our council was key in opposing the development which it is now proposing.

Perhaps we should be thinking of a new name for the town when all the cows have gone from Cowbridge.

The council is holding an informal drop-in session at Cowbridge Lesser Hall from 5.30pm-8pm on Monday, October 14, for those wishing to learn more about the plan and express their views on the Draft LDP.

Chris Pearce, Cowbridge

'PLEASE REJECT THIS PROPOSAL'

FURTHER to my letter in The GEM last week regarding the planning application to build 40 additional homes in Ystradowen, published under the heading 'Access to new site will endanger local children', I am afraid the enormity of the danger was lost when you published that an increase of 74 per cent in traffic flow was proposed instead of the 740 per cent, which is actually proposed for the five houses in Badgers' Brook Rise.

The application claims that further

development was always planned to be via this small cul-de-sac, which may be 100 per cent true – but, unfortunately, the existing site, past an unfenced children's playing field, a blind bend on the brow of a hill on a minimum legal width road – was never designed for safe access to the proposed site.

May I once again, via the good offices of The GEM, implore the planning officers to reject this application, both now and at its appeal stage.

Alan R Evans,
Ystradowen.

'Time for us to work together'

IT was really sad that Barry did not even make the first round of the Welsh Government's latest regeneration funding.

Thanks to the Labour-run Welsh Government, our town will now miss out on the much-needed £15m.

It was pleasing to see Plaid forcing a debate on this matter, as we need

to get to the bottom of why we failed.

I felt that it was an interesting debate, but I do feel we should now have an inquiry into this failure.

In the past, under both Labour and the Tories, opposition councillors have been excluded from any involvement in the bids, even though they are elected by the people of Barry.

We must all now work together for the good of our town.

For far too long we have been let down by tribal politics and it is now time that this changed.

Coun Richard Bertin,
Independent,
Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Wartime Weekend says 'thank you'

I'D like to thank everyone who has said such kind words about this year's Barry Wartime Weekend.

We at Barry at War were really pleased at the way the event went, with an estimated 5,000 people attending.

We counted the visitors to our First World War trench experience, and our guide showed over 500 people at this exhibit, that seeks to highlight what life was like on the Western Front.

Thanks to Barry Town Council and our private sponsors, we were able to showcase the region's wartime heritage, and provide an opportunity for local organisations to showcase their work.

The money that we

raised is now being put to good use in improving our 'Over There' exhibition at the museum, which seeks to remind visitors that our Forces are still engaged in hostile regions of the world.

We've now started planning next year's Barry Wartime Weekend, which will commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

We're currently in talks to secure a suitable location, and underpinning funding so that we can start the process of booking the attractions that we need to ensure that Glamorgan's premier wartime heritage event continues to grow and attract visitors to Barry.

Ade Pitman, Barry,
Wartime Weekend
Organiser.

'My words were twisted'

WITH reference to the letter from John Turner (The GEM, October 3), where he claims that my "comments border on the absurd", it is actually his letter that borders on the absurd.

Mr Turner says I wrote that "Mr Cairns does not have the right to comment on the Welsh Assembly as he is an MP and not an AM".

The point I made was that the Welsh Government has a duty to all of Wales, rather than just one region, thereby expressing dis-

sent with Mr Cairns' view, but never said he does not have the right to comment, as your correspondent asserts.

Mr Turner claims that I said "Mr Cairns should not berate the WAG".

Again, would he care to show me where I wrote those words? I simply disagreed with Mr Cairns' comments.

He is, in fact, putting his own words into my mouth. I recommend that in future he exercises his right to free speech, as I do mine, without twisting the words that other correspondents write.

Marc Delaney, Barry

TOO MUCH TALK ABOUT BARRY!

IAM sick and tired of people and councillors in Barry complaining about being refused £15 million by the Welsh Government for re-generation.

They have already been given almost £10 million when other areas of the Vale are ignored, such as Penarth, Llantwit Major, St Athan, Cowbridge.

Ever since Gavin and Stacey, all we hear is

Barry, Barry, Barry!

So come on and give others a fair crack of the whip. Also, I would imagine the other areas mentioned pay a higher council tax than Barry.

(Name and address supplied)

'Thank you for your kindness'

IWOULD like to express my thanks to all the people who were kind to me when I was knocked off my motorbike on Friday, October 4 at 8.25am in Dyfan Road, Barry.

Many thanks to the lady who called the police and ambulance and the lady who com-

forted me at the roadside, Kelly and Robert, who rang my mum to tell her what had happened.

It is nice to know such kind people care. Just to let you all know, I have serious damage to my ankle and I will be off work for a while, so I appreciate all the emergency services' attention and everyone's concern.

Connor Marks, Barry

'We have to start all over again'

THE newly released Local Development Plan (LDP) by the Vale Council has clearly ignored all the protestations from local residents against a new Northern Access Road (NAR) and housing at Tremains Farm when the Defence Training College was being promoted at St Athan.

Several petitions, attendance at open

forums and a public inquiry, meetings with planning officers, alternative suggestions (drawn up and paid for by local residents), have all been conveniently swept aside.

The whole affair makes a mockery of democracy as people's views are treated with derision.

We now have to start the whole process over again expending unnecessary time and effort.

What does it take to get these public servants to listen to the populous?

Doug Mountain,
Llantwit Major.

'LDP pledge must be kept'

THERE have been numerous demands in The GEM calling for the Vale Council to reject recent planning applications made by developers in various parts of the Vale, who are trying to avoid the new LDP.

There is an even more emphatic reason why the present Vale Council should heed these calls. The key reason why it is in power now is that in the May 2012 elections, it made the pledge to scrap the Conservatives' LDP and replace it with a new one in which proper consultation with Vale communities was undertaken.

Coun Neil Moore, the Labour leader of the new Vale Council, told The GEM in July 2012 that, "...we will make sure that consultation will be more thorough and meaningful than that car-

ried out by the previous administration".

When you make a pledge like that, you must honour it with all Vale communities. We now have the long-awaited new LDP.

As things stand, if these planning applications are granted by the council, very soon people in Ystradowen and other Vale communities experiencing similar pre-emptive planning applications will face a *fait accompli* by developers, before they have had a chance to be properly consulted through Mr Moore's improved LDP consultation arrangements.

If that happens, a key election LDP pledge by the present council will have been broken, rendering the commitment to thorough and meaningful consultation with all Vale communities a cynical and meaningless slogan.

Paul Jeremy,
(Fair Deal for Ystradowen campaign)

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'YEAR OF THE CONVOY' SHINES A LIGHT ON SEAFARERS WHO DID NOT RETURN

ON September 3, 1939: Day one of World War Two, the unarmed liner *Athenia* was sunk and the 'Battle of the Atlantic' began.

On Sept 16, the *SS Branden* sunk and her Master, Charles Meston Milne, became Barry's first MN casualty of World War Two. The *SS Branden* was lost to a British mine south east of Harwich.

During the Year of the Convoy (2013) the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch has worked and liaised with many bodies both nationally and locally to further MN awareness and to remember the many men that sailed from Barry, in particular during conflicts, never to return.

Unveiled and dedicated during the Year of the Convoy (2013) at the Waterfront, in memory of all seafarers who sailed from Barry, the new anchor memorial is both a Vale and town tribute to the many seafarers that sailed from the area, or possibly saw Barry as home, or a final departure port in wartime.

The Merchant Navy Memorial bench now at the Cenotaph further honours the brave seafarers.

The Barry branch annual service this year was also dedicated to the Year of the Convoy and has received much help and support from various local bodies, including the Barry at War Group.

Stamp of approval

Barry branch members have been active in a campaign for many years to ensure a Royal Mail Merchant Navy 'Stamp of Approval'.

Many veterans attended the stamp launch onboard the *Cutty Sark*, London.

You can celebrate the work of the Merchant Navy event this month aboard *HQS Wellington* on the Thames.

This event will also give an opportunity to view the silverware and bravery awards of Barry Captain Cecil Foster of the *SS Trevesa* which are displayed on board.

This Year of the Convoy further remembers MN locals lost...

On September 2, 1940 the *SS Thornlea* was torpedoed by U-46 and sank, three of the crew were lost from a full complement of 37. (Survivor Boatswain Hans A Hansen died on October 9, 1948 aged 65).

Two days later on Wednesday, September 4, the *SS Joseph Swan* was hit in a convoy attack, torpedoed by a German Schnellboote or E-boat Flotilla off Cromer. Local men Albert Bauman, Noel S Brown and John Johansson were casualties.

The British steamer *SS Bibury* was sunk by a German raider on September 16, 1940, some hundreds of miles west of Bissao, West Africa; 39 men were killed including William T Bennett and John A Trollope.

The following day, the *SS Tregenna* was torpedoed by the German submarine U-65 off the Rockall. Captain William Thomas Care of Barry and 32 men were lost, four survivors were picked up. Two days later, again the *SS Magdalena*, a British cargo steamer, was torpedoed by German submarine U-48 on September 19, 1940. Locals lost were Ivor Emlyn Davies, John B Goule, William George Stiff and on September 26, 1940, the *Darcoila* was torpedoed and sunk by U-32 west of Ireland. The master and 30 crew members were lost, including Frederick Nilsson.

On September 11, 1941, U-82 torpedoed the *Empire Crossbill*; she sank with all hands: the master, 37 crew members, 10 gunners and one passenger were lost, including Winsor Banks, Edmund Albert Gough, Sigvard Gronhaug, Harry G Batchelor, William C Brown, Jose Duran, William Francis Evans and Karl O Hofgaard.

On the September 16, 1941, the *MV Jedmoor*, a cargo motor vessel joined up with Convoy SC-42 and was torpedoed by U-98 and sunk; 32 were lost

from a complement of 37. Locals Rowland F B Davies, Lawrence R Gayton, Carl R Hogstrom, Eric A Stocker and John White were lost.

On September 21, 1941, the *SS Runa* was torpedoed by U-201 and sunk; 14 crew lost from a total crew of 23, including Ivor William Brown, James W Carthy, William Butler Nott, Thomas J Taylor and Arthur Henry White.

On the same day, the *SS Lissa*, a cargo steamer of 1,511 tons built in 1927, was torpedoed by U-201 and sunk. A crew of 26 was lost, including John K Battin and Patrick Welsh.

The *Empire Stream* was torpedoed on September 25, 1941, and sunk by U-124 while a member of Convoy HG73, Barry man John W Gilmore died.

The same day saw the loss of the *SS Petrel*, a British cargo steamer en route from Oporto for Bristol in Convoy HG-73 cargo when she was torpedoed by German submarine U-234 and sunk; 24 crewmen were lost including Arthur W Fowler, William Hopkins, Clifford Maidment, William N Nelson, Harold Weeden and Walter J Whitchurch.

In September 1942, the *SS Fernwood* was destroyed by German aircraft off Dartmouth, local man John Emlyn Evans was lost. In September 1943, bound from Barry to Australia, the *SS Fort Longueuil* was south of Chagos Island when she was torpedoed by the German submarine U-532 and sank. Of the 59 crew members, 57 lost their lives. Local men lost included Raymond George Hurn, Arthur Leonard Lacey, Sidney C Livermore, Alexander Mitchell, and John Xenophon.

Patrick J Coleman, aged 38, was the son of John and Ellen Coleman, and husband of Nora Coleman, of Barry Dock, and he is buried at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery. His last ship is recorded as the *Fort La Trait*, and the date of loss of life was September 15.

Percival H Bloodworth, aged 63, died on September 9, 1946. Percival presumably died from injuries received when in service aboard the *SS Empire Jet*. The ship survived the war and was sold in 1946.

Three new medals

The long-awaited Arctic Star recognises the severity of the conditions experienced by those who served escorting convoys or participating in operations north of the Arctic Circle during the Second World War.

The Ushakov Medal was made eligible to British nationals earlier this year by the Russian government to honour them for their "courage, bravery and discipline during the defence of the Soviet Union in naval theatres while protecting the maritime borders during military duties with huge risk to life".

President Putin presented the first medals to British personnel in June 2013.

The Queen has approved the Merchant Navy Medal, as part of the honours system. Merchant seafarers who have shown distinguished service may be honoured with a new Merchant Navy Medal, the Shipping Minister Stephen Hammond announced on Merchant Navy Day.

Much has been achieved for them: Battle of the Atlantic commemorations, medals, and Merchant Navy Day, September 3 every year. Tower Hill on Sunday, September 8, remembered them all with a commemoration and a 'stamp of approval'.

Supporting the 'Mission to Seafarers, a Year of the Convoy' concert at St Mary the Virgin, Bute Street, Cardiff, on Saturday, October 19, is Lilo Evans.

Further commemorations will take place in the month of November.



80 Years of service to Barry

ON October 21 the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion celebrates the 80th anniversary of its formation.

The 21st October is a significant date not only for the Barry branch of the Legion but also as the anniversary of Nelson's great victory at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and Barry's strong maritime connections.

The British Legion was formed in 1921 to support servicemen and their families who were suffering great hardship as a result of the First World War.

In what was once called "the war to end all wars" almost two million homes were affected by disablement or death. There were huge mistakes and delays in paying widows' pensions and in assessing the effects of wounds and illnesses. These people had no other form of income, and as a result, many were reduced to begging on the streets. Families went hungry and to make matters worse, within a very short time the country was plunged into a depression.

The Legion was formed by the amalgamation of four organisations devoted to the relief of need amongst the ex-

service community and their dependants and this became the object of the newly formed organisation and remains the same to this day, although those in need today are those who have suffered as a result of more recent conflicts.

During two world wars and other conflicts, Barry suffered the loss of a huge number of Merchant Seamen, in fact, per capita of population, proportionately more than anywhere else in Britain, not forgetting their additional losses in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.

Despite the fact that every November most of us wear a poppy with sincerity and pride, and despite the fact that we are all aware of its meaning, most of us are not aware of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

The Royal British Legion is about much more than just the annual poppy appeal and it is important to realise that they are active all year round not just on Remembrance Day.

The Barry branch of the Legion has always been there for those who are in need. The invaluable help that they provide today differs widely, varying from soldier to soldier, family to family, need to need.

The Legion provides

practical medical help for soldiers who return from conflict with injuries and sometimes life-changing disabilities; they provide financial and legal support to Service personnel when it is needed; they care for the psychological needs of soldiers by providing breaks and companionship; they can also assist ex-servicemen in finding employment.

Although supporting the needs of Service personnel is at the centre of the work of the British Legion, it also supports the families in the tragic yet inevitable circumstance of a fatality.

Having a support network, whether it be family, friends or the Royal British Legion, is of paramount importance and great comfort during the difficult process of grieving. The sensitive advice and support provided for bereaved families by the Royal British Legion is certainly not to go without mention.

With the current conflict in Afghanistan, the Royal British Legion is just as valuable, appreciated and necessary now as it was 90 years ago.

In an ideal world without the recurrent weakness of human conflict, such organisations as the Royal British Legion would not be needed at all.

The future outlook for the Legion's welfare

services is to reach out to unmet need in the Armed Forces community, engaging with more people needing support.

We want to enable individuals to find the right support at the right time so they and their families can fulfil their potential to live independent and successful lives. In order to do that the British Legion will need more volunteer caseworkers.

The Barry branch meets on the second Monday of each month at 2.30pm in the Mayor's parlour at the Memorial Hall Barry and welcomes new members.

Perhaps you would be interested in helping to continue our welfare work or to help raise funds by assisting with our Poppy appeal.

Suitable training is available for whatever role you volunteer for and while we would love to have you as a member, it is not essential to join in order to help.

Bob Wheatley

MUNCHIES AND MUSIC

ON Saturday, October 5, the Red Cross Shop, Cowbridge, held a 'Munchies & Music' bake sale with cakes provided by loyal volunteers and friends.

The music element was provided by Elizabeth Elliott at her amazing portable piano, and a total of £154 was raised - thanks to all who contributed and those who bought goodies.


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Our wardrobes change through the seasons – SO WHY SHOULDN'T ROOMS!

AUTUMN doesn't just bring a change in temperature, it brings a change of mood for homes. Chilly winds encourage our natural desire to hibernate and cosy-up indoors, but it's still important for decor to dazzle!

This season, designers have taken a stroll through the British countryside and produced one of the most appealing looks – woodland, inspired by our flora and fauna.

This versatile trend can be interpreted to evoke a classic hunting lodge, or pared back to embrace an ultra-chic, rustic Scandi retreat.

If that's too tame and you yearn to travel farther afield, there's a retro-explorer look, evoked by classic mementoes like trunks and globes.

Alternatively, go East to embrace the colour, sensuality and pattern of the Orient, or simply celebrate luxury with textures like silk and velvet and metallics, especially bronze and gold.

"Our big trend this season is woodland," says Sue Roberts, director of home at House of Fraser.

"Warm and homely, it combines wooden furniture with soft, autumnal patterns, and features owls, hedgehogs and other woodland creatures. It works

in virtually any interior and is an easy way to update a room."

Nature puts on its finest show at this time of year with glorious changes across our landscapes.

Follow the experts' guide to the trends so that you can do the same at home and enjoy showing off your own seasonal decor transformations.

Armchair traveller

We're inspired by looks from around the world, so it's no surprise that there's a trend which reflects our love of travel and exploring.

"Restoration is a traditional, antique-esque trend, featuring rich leathers and revival-style furniture. It has a relaxed feel and a masculine, gentleman's club quality," says Roberts.

Put your passport away and simply evoke the globetrotting mood by accessorising. Items like globes and leather-trimmed travel trunks make great focal points, Roberts suggests, as well as maps, which are featuring on fabrics as well as in framed prints.

Top tip: If that's too macho for your taste, Roberts highlights an alternative: laid-back country elegance, featuring faded floral patterns, soft shades and distressed wooden furniture. For a more rustic take, enliven with woodland-themed accessories.

Down to the wire

We're celebrating design and increas-

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ingly use our rooms to showcase striking pieces which speak volumes about our taste with their style and craftsmanship.

"The key trend that we anticipated as a design team for this season was the concept of 'the drawn black line', with products reflecting their absolute beginnings as hand-drawn sketches on paper," says Polly Dickens, creative director at Habitat, known for its innovative contemporary looks.

"We've used a range of ultra-fine materials to achieve this drawn line effect using black rattan, wire and skinny metals."

Top tip: An indigo palette is key for this season and beyond, says Dickens. "Intense cobalt and inky blues are making a transition from the fashion catwalk into interiors."

Country cool

Our love affair of all things Scandi, from their television dramas to their style, is still going strong.

A cool, neutral palette, with the emphasis on a pared-back design and interesting textures, is an essential ingredient for this look.

"Nordic Folk is our interpretation and it brings a simple, homespun aesthetic with a timeless Scandinavian influence,"

says Pam McDermott, head of home buying at Sainsbury's.

"A clean, crisp palette of milky white, relaxing grey and icy blue is warmed with berry red, evoking the crispness of a wintry day."

"With block prints and paper-cut designs across textiles, home accessories and tableware, this relaxed look transforms rooms into cosy winter retreats."

Top tip: Don't feel confined to one trend, says McDermott. Embrace elements of others, including the quintessentially British hedgerow style, or indulge in glamour with metallics, like gold and burnished copper.

Eastern inspiration

Texture, colour and vivid pattern continue to make an impact as we become braver and more confident with our decor.

"One of the key trends this season is inspired by the Far East, with splashes of bright colour and print," says Alice Duggan, head of home buying at Debenhams. The Butterfly Home collection, by designer Matthew Williamson, blends Japanese geometrics with authentic chinoiserie florals.

"To create this bold and highly decorative style for the home, include vibrant pieces, such as an embroidered fan or printed geisha cushion. For the bedroom, embrace Japanese inky hues with printed lotus flower bed linen, and accessorise

with beautiful floral photo frames and trinket boxes."

Trend tips: Monochrome geometric patterns, a combination of black and gold, and feminine florals with delicate butterfly detail, are also vying for decor attention this season, says Duggan.

Modern luxe

Comfort, sensual textures and unashamed luxury are never going to fall out of favour, and they're particularly strong this season.

Our desire for cossetting rooms which are also glamorous, reflects our desire for homes that act as retreats from the harsh economic reality outside.

"Whenever I describe Anthology, our trend story, to people, I talk about the Victorian era and natural history, and I always think of films like Sherlock Holmes," says Joanna Bolt, head of trends at Homebase.

"It's a dark, moody look which creates a sense of vintage and nostalgia. Rich reds, deep purples and browns combine with luxurious fabrics such as velvet, leather and heavy knits."

Enliven with quirky finishing touches, from a stag head ornament to a butterfly-print cushion, she suggests. Trend tips: Typography's in fashion and features on fabrics and accessories from prints to cushions, says Bolt. Don't overlook a feminine approach with subtle, muted florals, and oversized decorative mirrors.

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In autumn, Japanese maples become a spectacular sight...

THEY are among the most spectacular sights of autumn, as their leaves turn sizzling shades of red, burnt orange and yellow.

Japanese maples, or acers, may be expensive but they are still as popular as ever, possibly because there are varieties for almost every situation, even if you have the smallest urban garden.

With slow-growing types that are suitable for pots, larger varieties which can create stunning backdrops and those which will drape above smaller rock plants, in woodland settings or as a framework to ponds, there is really no excuse not to have a Japanese maple in your garden.

They will grow happily in acid or alkaline soils, need sun for good foliage colour but should be kept clear of biting winds which will burn their delicate foliage, or drought, which will cause their leaves to go brown at the tips.

However, they're not keen on chalk, so the soil needs to be lime free and preferably slightly acidic.

by HANNAH STEPHENSON

I've had *Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum* 'Garnet' in ericaceous compost in a pot for five years and it has thrived, being kept well watered and sheltered from harsh winds. Replacing the surface compost of the pot with new compost every year will also help keep the nutrients flowing in a permanent planting.

Alternatively, plant them in large pots of John Innes loam-based compost for the best results, or a compost comprising equal parts of John Innes No 2 and a soil-less multipurpose compost which will hang on to water and nutrients more effectively.

Among the best for autumn leaves is the *Acer griseum*, whose foliage turns orange and brilliant red in autumn, and which has the added interest of craggy, peeling bark in shades of orange-brown and cinnamon, which is most noticeable in winter when the tree is bare. It grows to a height of around 10m (30ft).

Others will grow happily in containers, providing architectural structure and colour in areas which need them. Varieties ideal for pots include *A. palmatum* 'Garnet' and 'Corallinum', which are slow-growing and will stay a manageable size in a pot, producing deep rich red foliage before leaf fall.

GLOW

Other good choices for autumn include the snake bark maples including *Acer davidii* 'George Forrest', with its red-stalked leaves, and the native field maple *A. campestre*, which has a broad, bushy habit and small green leaves which turn butter-yellow in autumn.

The coral bark maple, *A. palmatum* 'Sango-kaku', is renowned for its orange-red young stems which glow in winter light after the butter yellow autumn leaves have fallen. It's a good choice for a smaller garden, because it has upward-sweeping branches as a young tree.

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The autumnal beauty that you can find just outside your door

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For those growing acers in containers, replot the plant every three to five years, either back into the same container with fresh compost, or into a slightly larger one.

Remove the plant from its pot, then gently tease out the roots and cut back any large, coarse ones. Put the tree in the new container then fill in with fresh compost so the root ball sits at the same level as before. Water well and mulch to suppress weeds.

If the leaves turn brown during summer, the chances are your plant is drying out. The leaves may also drop and the plant may appear dead, but if you water thoroughly and fork in well-rotted organic matter, it should recover.

Generally, Japanese maples don't need pruning, but if you do want to keep it in check, just thin out overcrowded branches leaving the rest evenly spaced, or just shorten the branches which have grown out too far by cutting them back to a side-shoot. And only prune when the plant is dormant, from November to March.

Best of the bunch – Callicarpa bodinieri 'Profusion'.

This medium-sized deciduous shrub which grows to around three

metres (10ft) is highly valued for its stunning bright violet berries which appear in autumn and are often used in flower displays.

Also known as the beauty berry, it has eye-catching bronze young foliage in spring and clusters of pinky-purple flowers throughout summer. Callicarpa can be evergreen or deciduous with simple, opposite leaves and tiny white pink or purple flowers in clusters, followed by small, usually colourful fruits.

Several shrubs grown together ensures pollination for successful fruiting. For best results, grow them in fertile well-drained soil in sun or partial shade.

Good enough to eat – Pruning blackberries.

We've had bumper crops of blackberries this year, to accompany fantastic harvests of apples to make delicious pies, crumbles and jams, but you'll need to give your blackberry bushes a good prune after harvesting to ensure a healthy start to next season.

Fruit is produced on two-year-old canes – the canes that grow this year fruit next year and are then cut right back. So, to make things easy, keep this year's fruiting canes separate from young new canes as the season progresses.

When first planting blackberries keep the two years' canes separate, training all the canes out vertically along a fence or row of posts and wires, to one side of the plant. Those canes will carry next year's fruit. Tie the current year's canes in the other direction on the row of posts and wires. The new batch of canes that grow next year won't fruit until the year after that.

In autumn, the fruited canes can easily be pruned out by cutting them off to around 15cm (6ins) from the ground after harvesting.

What to do this week...

- Plant new climbers, shrubs and trees while the soil is still warm.
- Take cuttings or save tender plants when you clear out summer containers if you have space to overwinter them.
- Check the greenhouse heating and insulate to save heat.
- Make sure bowls of bulbs being forced for indoor flowering don't dry out.
- As land becomes vacant in the vegetable plot, start digging when ground conditions are good, leaving the ground rough to allow the frost to penetrate.
- Protect strawberries potted for forcing early next year against frost

by putting them in a cold frame.

● Continue to plant biennials such as foxglove, Canterbury bells and honesty.

● Check over brassicas for caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly and pick off any you find.

● Cut back asparagus foliage and weed the bed and any self-set plants before applying a layer of organic matter.

● Once leaves have fallen, prune gooseberries.

● Mow your lawn less frequently as growth slows down, and raise the height of the cutting blades.

● Reduce the feeding of fish in ponds as any food not eaten will just decompose in the water.

● Trim conifers if necessary for the last time, but don't cut into old wood.

● Prune tall shrubs such as lavenders and Buddleia davidii, cutting them back by about half their height to tidy them up and prevent wind rock during winter. They can then be pruned hard in the spring.

● Plant herbaceous perennials while the soil is still warm. They look best planted in groups of three or more plants.

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A popular speaker at last year's Cowbridge Book Festival, Terry is set to again entertain his many fans, with his own particular brand of humorous banter.

With the charm that shone through *My Life on a Hillside Allotment*, Terry takes the gardening readers by the hand and leads them through the gardening year. He is the perfect companion, giving technical help, quick tips, reassurance, and plenty of entertainment along the way.

From a gardener who has been working the same allotment for over 50 years, Terry's new book is a brilliant guide to organic vegetable growing and allotment life in general.

It seems appropriate that the last two events in the Cowbridge Book Festival's autumn series are food related falling as they do, either side of the popular Food and Drink Festival.

The first event, Terry Walton – The Allotment Almanac – will be held at the Cowbridge United Free Church on October 22 at 7.30pm. The following week Genevieve Taylor will present her very handy book 'A Good Egg' at Ystradowen Village Hall. Tickets for both of these events are £5 to include a glass of wine.

For further information including more detail on these books, visit the Festival website www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk.

All proceeds from the events will be donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukemia & Lymphoma Research.

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Volunteers praise retiring treasurer



Members of the committee and supporters following the AGM.

AT the 41st AGM of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, the chairman, John Fanshaw, outlined how DPVC supported Dinas Powys residents, particularly the elderly with mobility problems and who wished to retain independence.

Requests for DPVC's help were increasing and new volunteers are needed.

Thanks were extended to Barbara Daniels, who has stepped down as treasurer after long and outstanding service.

Barbara was congratulated by Coun Chris Franks on her efficiency

and for the clarity of her accounts.

The chairman then presented Barbara with tokens of esteem, including a certificate awarding her the honorary role of 'Lifelong Escort', and a model of the DPVC minibus, which reflected her role as minibus coordinator.

Barbara will continue as a supporter and fundraiser.

John Fanshaw was elected chairman, Alan Higgins, vice-chairman, Wendy Lees, secretary, Val Hartrey (Community Council), Leslie Robinson, Brian West Chris Franks, Steve Nottingham, Colin Turner and Keith Hatton.

What are we doing to the green, green grass of home?

LAST week, I heard a lecture given by the president of the Royal Society of Chemistry (incidentally, their first woman president).

She said that in 50 years' time, we would need to produce 100 per cent more food worldwide and that we should protect every greenfield site, as "God has stopped making land", and only build on brownfield sites.

Of course, 50 years is long term, and it is tempting to think short term, but what of our children and their children? What are we doing?

Cowbridge is a mar-

READER'S VIEWPOINT

ket town with a cattle market and with cows, our cows - but they could be replaced by Holstein cows, kept indoors, fed and milked indoors; cost effective cows that never go outside. After all, this is the age when money is king.

What are we doing? the Vale is special - surely we can make room for houses without spoiling so much that is precious?

It is a tourist area, but will anyone want to visit if there is nothing traditional and beautiful to see? Christine Pearce, Cowbridge

Amelia Trust 'gives hope to young people'

AMELIA Trust farm staff and volunteers have been praised for their magnificent work in supporting vulnerable young people - giving them hope and new confidence in their life skills."

Speaking at the recent harvest festival, Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "It was great to see so much going on at Amelia Trust, which is stronger than ever, thanks to the dedication of director Lorraine Brown, her staff and volunteers and their commitment to the needs of young people."

Sant Baruc reunited

IN March, a group was established for former pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc - A(dfer)F(y)IAITH - Restore My Language, has proved very popular and is very well supported.

The next meeting of AFIATH will be held on Friday (tomorrow, Friday, October) in Barry West End Club at 8pm.

If you are a former pupil of Sant Baruc, please join us - we would love to see you! It is a great way of re-engaging with the Welsh language and a great way of catching up with old friends.

Our meetings are very informal and

are always fun! Don't be put off if your Welsh is a bit rusty, you'll be surprised by how much you will remember.

If you now have children of your own who attend Welsh medium schools in Barry, your increased confidence in the language will undoubtedly help them with their education.

We are thinking of organising some Christmas events and would love to involve as many former pupils as possible in the festivities.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00847/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Demolition of existing rear annexes; construction of two storey rear extension and internal alterations to property
Location/Lleoliad: Ninian House, Wine Street, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llantwit Major

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00902/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of new house
Location/Lleoliad: Ty Mawr, Llanbethery, Barry
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanbethery

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00923/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Three storey extension to the side of the existing building to provide a new kitchen facility, an 8 person lift to all floors, 8 ensuite bedrooms and 2 communal day rooms and two undercroft disabled parking spaces.
Location/Lleoliad: College Fields Nursing Home, College Fields Close, Barry

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting The Lodge, Buttrills Road, Grade II and Hen Goleg, College Fields Close, Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00932/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: External alterations to roofscape and minor internal alterations at St. Michaels Cottage. Minor internal alterations at Long Acre Bothy to re-house croquet club store, External landscaping at St. Michaels and U/G Gas Tank
Location/Lleoliad: St Michael's Cottage, Dyffryn, St Nicholas

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting Dyffryn House, Grade II*

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00892/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Retention of a plateau for the exercising of horses, including a sand track around the perimeter 520m in circumference and 4m in width. The area inside this track will be grass divided into four paddocks with post and rail fencing. The perimeter of the plateau on the north and west sides will also have a post a rail fence. There will also be landscaping around the perimeter post and rail fence to minimise the impact of the development
Location/Lleoliad: Dukes Farm, Leckwith, Cardiff

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00895/FUL

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Peter's predictions

THIS piece continues the series of Peter's predictions for computing and communications technology.

Moving on from connections, keyboards and operating systems he considered:

APPLICATIONS - The number was forecast to grow rapidly. The big applications for word processing, spreadsheets and databases already cover more than most users need.

They are becoming so large and expensive that smaller, free, versions are developing that will do enough for most people.

Niche applications (Apps) will proliferate to satisfy specialist needs and hobbyists. Some will provide fun; some will be useful and some will grow to become mainstream applications: think of Facebook and Twitter. Who would describe eBay, Google or Amazon as Apps now? They are most definitely big businesses.

COMPONENTS - Apart from completely new stuff there will be ongoing improvements to existing products.

Digital cameras already do high-resolution still photos and video with sound and flash. Soon they will (if so instructed) automatically upload the results to the web, whether to a website for general viewing or something like Dropbox for controlled access. GPS will enable the location to be attached to the picture.

Tilt meters and gyroscopes know which way a device is facing. Add a camera facing the user and a device will be able to detect if the user is look-

ing at it. If not, it will switch of the display to save power and turn it back on when the user looks again at the screen.

Light detectors will be able to alter the level of screen illumination to suit lighting conditions.

Microphones and speakers will improve for better sound quality. Audio playback will be Hi-Fidelity; welcomed by music lovers and inter-viewers.

USB DATA TRANSFER - Connections between devices will be easier and quicker. USB (Universal Serial Bus) started life in 1996, providing convenient and simple connections for the transfer of data. USB2 came along in 2000 and was over 20 times faster and labelled 'HI-SPEED'.

After various tweaks, by the end of 2008 USB3 became available and labelled 'SUPERSPEED' as it is over 10 times faster than USB2. Even as Peter was predicting improvements in June USB3.1 was being announced and is around 3 times faster than USB2, or around 1000 times faster than the original USB. It has been christened 'SUPERSPEED+' and is compatible with the earlier versions 2 and 3. As users update their machines over time the benefits will be appreciated.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 22, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. A forum on Hard Drives and File management. Visitors always welcome. See penarthcomputerclub.co.uk

HOWARD DESMOND

Proposal/Cynnyg: Extension to approved scheme - Installation of solar pv park

Location/Lleoliad: Woden Park, Cwrt Yr Ala Road, Cardiff

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00912/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, fence and pole mounted security cameras, for the life of the solar farm

Location/Lleoliad: Treguff Farm, St. Mary Church, Cowbridge

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00936/RES
Proposal/Cynnyg: Approval of Reserved Matters relating to application number 2009/00019/OUT 14 two/three bedroom houses
Location/Lleoliad: Land North West of Bendrick Road, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00937/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: New build domestic housing (9 in total) - a) One set of three link houses (three bedrooms) - 3 dwelling units; b) one set of two semi detached houses (three bedrooms) - 2 dwelling units and c) two sets of two semi detached houses (four bedrooms) - 4 dwelling units
Location/Lleoliad: Land North West of Bendrick Road, Barry

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00897/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: To demolish existing farm house, two storey barn, garage and rear annex (building structurally unsound - refer to Structural Engineers details of Design and Access Report). To construct new 5 bedroom farmhouse to same location
Location/Lleoliad: Church Farm, Welsh St. Donats

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwlyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00917/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: To change the use of the existing industrial unit from B1 to D2
Location/Lleoliad: Unit 50, Vale Business Park, Llandow

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M. Goldsworthy
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Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

GRANDMA AND GRANDAD TURN THEIR HANDS TO SOME CAKE DECORATING!

NURSERY pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School celebrated the importance of family life by inviting grandparents to join in activities, including decorating cakes to provide tasty refreshments.

A spokesperson for the grandparents said: "It is lovely to be able to come in and see what the children do at school, rather than just meeting at the gates."

Nursery nurse, Mrs Boffy, was entertained by her own granddaughter, Isla, and headteacher, Richard Ware popped in to help the children with their cake decorating.

He expressed his delight at the popularity and success of the event and expressed a warm welcome to everyone.

Nursery teacher, Mrs Sue Thomas, said: "We know what a vital role grandparents play in the lives of our pupils, so we are delighted to give them the opportunity to share in and enjoy some of their activities at school." NM



Model aircraft day at local museum

AIRFIX, Tamiya, Revell and Frog are some of the brand names that are on display at the first Model Aircraft Day being held at the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre this Sunday from 11am-4pm in Barry.

Event organiser Ade Pitman explained: "Barry at War recently inherited a massive collection of model aircraft, many of which formed part of our 'Battle of Britain' exhibition in Barry Library.

"Most of the model aircraft that will be on display at our Model Aircraft Day were built by Mr Nick Phillips of Cardiff, who sadly passed away recently.

"He had been an avid aircraft modeller all his life, and so his family donated his collection to the museum, as they wanted them to go to a good home.

"We are holding a model aircraft day as a tribute to Mr Phillips,

and through this we hope to promote the hobby of model-making to a new generation."

The model aircraft on display trace the steady improvement in RAF equipment, from the flimsy bi-planes of the First World War to the supersonic jet-fighters of today.

The museum will also be holding the second of its monthly evening talks next Tuesday, October 15, when military historian Glenn Booker will discuss 'Operation Bolero'.

This friendly invasion of south Wales by American servicemen in 1942-44, formed part of the build-up for the Normandy D-Day landings, and is commemorated by the plaque raised by Barry at War in King Square. Doors open at 7pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

Admission to the model aircraft day, evening talk and the museum is free.

See the website at www.wartimeglamorgan.co.uk or call Ade Pitman on 07930 874161.

Lifesaving course

WELSH Hearts are holding free one-off training for two hours once a month on Monday, October 14 at the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge from 7.15pm-9.15pm.

Children ten years and over are welcome to attend with their parents, who will receive training in vital life-saving skills to deal with emergencies.

• Contact Welsh Hearts on 07730944700 or email sharon@welshhearts.org.



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Bombettes earn win

ON a beautiful autumnal afternoon, Barry Bombettes travelled down the M4 to play Gorseion.

From the first whistle, Barry pressurised the home defence and camped deep in the Gorseion half.

The forwards were getting good ball from both scrum and lineout, providing regular service for No9 Shanahan.

The Barry attacks were met with strong

tackles and the game carried on at a frantic pace.

The Barry back row of Yapp, Young and Davies were playing well and causing problems, before Davies picked up a knee injury and had to be replaced by Brown.

Full back O'Neil moved the ball through Fox, Williams and K Jones to the left wing, where Binnie made inroads into the Gorseion 22. Shanahan and Fox

were kicking well, but the odd wrong choice threatened to frustrate the away side.

However, after a series of drives, second row Garner-Joel powered over. From a difficult position the conversion was missed, making the score 0-5.

Gorseion then had their best spell of the first half, putting pressure on Barry, and it took sound defence from the whole team to keep them out.

Barry utilised their

bench to good effect at the start of the second half with Horne and Hill coming on for Ka Jones and Phillips.

A clever chip by Fox was collected by Williams; Yapp, in support as ever, then fed the ball to Jones who used her strength and speed to race to the whitewash for the second try.

The easier conversion was kicked to make the score 0-12.

As Barry went for the killer try, Gorseion offended deep in their 22. A quick tap by Shanahan caught the defence out-flanked and Fox cantered over for an uncovers try.

Gorseion scored a deserved try, after some lacklustre tackling, and with their tails up increased the pressure, but to no avail. The final score was 5-17.

Team: O'Neil, Binnie, K Jones (c), Williams, Rees, Fox, Shanahan, Yapp, Young, S Davies, Garner-Joel, Coleman, Cahill, Phillips, Ka Jones. Substitutes: Horne, Hill, Brown, McCarthy.

Barry woman of the match was awarded to Fox, while Gorseion chose K Jones.

The management would like to congratulate the whole team for a gritty hard fought performance and a well

deserved victory.

Speedy recoveries to Sophie and Danielle and many thanks to the intrepid supporters who came to watch the ladies maintain their unbeaten start to the season.

The Bombettes' next match is on Sunday, October 13, kick off 2.30pm, away to Penallta. **AM**

BARRY BEES ARE STUNG IN FINAL

ON a beautiful autumnal day, Barry Bees under-11s travelled to Llantwit Major for the annual Sinclair Direct mini rugby festival.

The Bees faced Llanishen in the first of their pool games, and were on fire from the out-

set. The Barry forwards dominated both possession and territory, which restricted the potency of the slick Llanishen backs.

Cole Saunders and Cian Anderson capitalised, with early tries to put the Bees in a strong position at the break.

The Barry forwards continued to apply the pressure, with second-rower Ethan Watkins, smashing his way over the line from a penalty, to stretch the lead.

Llanishen at last managed to secure some ball, and rattled in two quick tries, but Cole finished the scoring, to make the final score 20-10.

The Bees were off the pace in their final pool match, and a strong Rhiwbina side took a 5-0 lead into the second-half.

However Barry rallied, and hooker Jacob Pereira started with two bludgeoning tries to put the Bees into the semis with a 10-5 win.

The semi-final, against a fired up Barry Atoms, proved to be a classic. Rhys Lloyd and Cole put the Bees into the lead. But the Atoms refused to give up the fight, and brought the scores level at the break.

The second-half saw the Bees gain the impetus as Cole scored another great try.

He added another from the kick-off, but the

Atoms once again came flying back and their endeavours were rewarded with a try to bring themselves within one score.

With the clock ticking down the Atoms continued to press, and with virtually the last play, forced the equaliser.

This took the match into a very tense golden try phase. The Bees came out flying, and after a string of attacking phases which took them the length of the pitch, Cole burst wide, to score the winning try, to take the Bees into the final.

The final was a rematch against Llanishen, but the hard rugby had taken its toll on the Bees. With two critical injuries, there was little left in the tank. Llanishen were in excellent form and dominated from the start.

They rattled in the tries, and unfortunately Barry could not respond. However it was a great day and the boys did themselves proud.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Rhys Lloyd, Charlie Bale, Ethan Watkins, Dylan Morris, Stephen Williams, Spencer Williams, Cole Saunders, Robson Mallam, Joe Nationstead, Joe Tanner, Cameron Foster.

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Fencer selected for the British squad

JACK CAFARO (15), of Llantwit Major Fencing Club, has achieved selection to the elite British Cadet (under-17) Epee squad as a result of his present British Cadet competition ranking of 8.

As a result, his progress will be recognised by representing Great Britain in international Cadet competitions, the first being in Germany in November.

Jack, together with a Welsh fencing colleague, George Morris – currently based in north Wales – are the two youngest and only Welsh members of the squad.

Jack is coached by Gordon Kingston at the club's venue of Llantwit Major Leisure Centre on Mondays from 7pm-9pm. He gains the important extra competitive experience by attending the Cardiff fencing club where he tests himself against present and past members of the Welsh senior squad and team.

Gordon is hoping to increase the membership to initially a maximum of 10 with similarly motivated and parent-supported 12-15 year old girls and boys.

Consequently a beginners' class is planned for new recruits during October and November. Enquiries about joining the club should be made to Dr Gordon Kingston by e-mail at kingstonga@talktalk.net, or just look in on a Monday evening and introduce yourself.

Rhoose FC battle for the victory

RHOOSE FC travelled to Tremorfa (Cardiff) on Saturday to play Bridgend Street in this Welsh League Division 3 clash and came away with three deserved points.

Rhoose started strongly and positively and soon had the home side in trouble with two well worked goals from James Dixon and top marksman Drew Fahiya.

However, two set-piece lapses either side of halftime saw the home side draw level against the row of play it has to be said.

Rhoose continued to

make chances with regular breaks down the flanks from Fahiya and Nicky Davison.

It was only a matter of time before Rhoose scored in the 85th minute through Davison at the far post following excellent approach work from Dixon.

Fahiya secured the points for the improving Vale side with an injury time penalty.

Rhoose are in Welsh Cup action this coming Saturday (October 12) with a tough away trip to Gorseion, Swansea to play Garden Village FC from the Welsh League 2nd Division.

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Famous people who failed to leave a will

ON October 1, Philip Davies, a retired solicitor, spoke to the Dinas Powys Probus Club on 'Wills of the Rich and Famous'.

He began by mentioning some famous people who left huge financial estates, but omitted to draft their wills. These included Picasso, George Gershwin, Barry White – who had multiple wives and children – Rita Hayworth and Jayne Mansfield.

This resulted in the waste of large sums of money on litigation between disgruntled relatives, 'unknown cousins,' and inheritance taxes.

Abraham Lincoln left no will, despite being a lawyer, and although both John and Robert Kennedy drafted Wills, neither of them thought to direct where their private papers should go upon death so they became the property of the state.

Many famous people continue to earn huge sums after death. A list of such people includes Steve McQueen, Einstein, Marilyn Monroe, John Lennon, Elvis Presley – of course – and Michael Jackson, who died heavily in debt but whose estate is now considerable.

Top of the list, however, is Elizabeth Taylor whose estate rocketed in value in

the year following her death, as people bid astronomical sums for her jewellery.

Her estate reached \$210,000,000.

Joan Crawford and Bette Davis famously disinherited their daughters, who later had their own revenge by writing 'warts and all' biographies of their mothers, which earned them considerable sums.

Famous people who made odd requests include Humphrey Bogart, who was buried with his lighter, Frank Sinatra, who left money to his favourite restaurant, and Dusty Springfield, whose will provided for a luxury tree-

house for her cat, a supply of food from America, and a tape recording of her greatest hits to be played continually to console the cat.

Tony Curtis left everything to his sixth and last wife, excluding all his children, and was buried with paints and brushes, a CD of his films and his mobile phone.

Sir Joseph Haydn's head was removed before burial to preserve it for scientific research. A substitute head was included in his coffin, but 100 years later the original head joined the rest of his body. The identity of substitute is unknown!

Regarding unusual dis-

posal of ashes, the writer Hunter J Thompson, who shot himself whilst talking to his wife on the phone, directed that his ashes should be fired in a rocket from a hundred foot tower whilst a recording of Mr Tambourine Man by The Birds was playing.

Philips is a skilled raconteur and his talk was peppered with humour. He finished by saying that as most people die within four years of drafting a Will, the best plan is to keep making a fresh will every year!

The vote of thanks was given by Geoff Thomas.

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Barry Cadets win all-Wales first aid competition medals

Air Cadets from Barry came away as winners at an all-Wales first aid contest.



RECENTLY, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron participated in an all-Wales First Aid competition for the Army, Air and Sea cadet forces and came away as winners.

The two-day competition held at Cwrt Yr Gollen tested the first aid skills and knowledge of the cadets in a realistic environment requiring a cool head and quick thinking.

The competition included a practical team test for a team of three cadets and a practical individual test for each team member.

The team test lasted for 10 minutes. Cadets had to assess a situation, make the area safe, carry out a primary survey of the casualties, diagnose and treat the injuries found, whilst arranging for help and assistance.

Each cadet also had to carry

out CPR on an unconscious non-breathing casualty. The cadets also had an unexpected test, using an automated external defibrillator (AED) which they had never been trained to use before. Again, the cadets remained cool and followed the simple instructions.

The cadets who won the competition were Ellie, Zena and Georgina Poulakis, Rachel Carbis, Georgia James and Steph Jones.

Cadet Zena Poulakis (13) said: "I really enjoyed the competition. Initially, I was scared but once the competition started my training kicked in. I was really pleased to win."

The cadets were trained by Jayne Hillard who said: "Well done to everyone who did the Squadron proud."

"I am glad that all the cadets also enjoyed the competition; they worked so well in their teams."

"The skills which the cadets have learnt may be needed one day and I have confidence that the cadets will handle any situation".

Both teams have now been selected to go to the national first aid competition at RAF Cranwell in a few weeks' time.

As well as adventure training the cadets also enjoy: flying, gliding, shooting, sports, visits, air shows, overseas trips, leadership and citizenship training in a full and action packed training programme.

372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old; the squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall). Contact 01446 747734, email oc.372@air-cadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more information.

WI plan for Remembrance

MEMBERS and visitors were welcomed to the October meeting of Rhose WI, at the Community Hall on October 3 at 7.30pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and Susan Grant informed everyone that 16kg of food had been donated to the Barry Food Bank (further donations were accruing).

The president reminded everyone of the Remembrance Day parade on November 10. As always, the WI will be walking in the parade to the community hall for the service, after which members will provide tea and coffee for the congregation.

Since the speaker for the evening

was indisposed, member Jill Jones stepped in to give a talk on the Mitford Sisters. This was well-received and Shirley Hardwick gave a vote of thanks.

Members were able to find details of future events on the flip-chart, as always beautifully illustrated – this time with an autumn theme – by Jeannie Morris Peters.

The October competition was won by Joy Grant and the raffle by Susan Grant. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 7 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Stewart Road, when Andy Bradshaw will give a talk entitled 'My Life With Puppets.' New members and visitors welcome.

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Funeral service in St. Athan Church on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Royal British Legion or Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please)

DAVIES Rhian Nest

Yn frawychus o sydyn yn ei chartref yn y Barri ar y 30 o Fedi. Merch annwyl Heulwen a'r diweddar David Davies, a llysfarch Kenneth. Chwaer annwyl i Catrin, wyres annwyl Edwin ac Iona Davies, modryb nith a chynhyntier annwyl. Fe'i chymerwyd llawer yn rhy fuaf a gwelir ei heisiau yn ofnadwy bwlch enfawr yn ein bywyd.

Yn gorffwys yng nghartref A. G. Adams, Heol Gladstone, Y Barri, cyn yr anglad 18 Hydref am 11.45 yb ac wedyn i Amlosgfa'r Barri erbyn 1.30 yb. Blodau'r teulu yn unig o'r dymunwr gellir roi cyfraniad i 'Beat' - Mudiad Camddenydd Bwyd drwy law yr Ymgymerywyr.

Tragically taken from us on 30th September at her home in Barry. Dearly beloved daughter of Heulwen and the late David Davies, step-daughter to Kenneth. Beloved sister of Catrin, cherished grand-daughter of Edwin and Iona Davies and a much loved auntie, niece and cousin. Rhian will be dearly missed by all, taken away far, far too soon.

Resting at AG Adams & Son, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral at Tabernacl church, Holton Road on Friday 18th October at 11.45am and then Barry Crematorium at 1.30pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations can be made to 'Beat' - Eating Disorders Society through the Funeral Directors.

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Family Notices

THOMAS Godfrey David James

Valerie and family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the support given to them at this sad time together with all the cards, flowers and messages received.

Thank you to all who attended Godfrey's funeral and for all donations given to Ward 2 of The Princess of Wales Hospital.

Also, thank you to Reverend Edwin Council for the service he conducted and to Andrew of Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors.

CHESTERMAN Susan Kay

On September 21st at UHW, Cardiff. Sue, cherished mum of Katie, loving partner of Andrew, loved foster mum, sister and cousin. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at AG Adams Barry until the funeral on Friday October 11th. Service in the chapel at 3.30pm followed by cremation at Barry crematorium. Family flowers only, if desired donations can be handed to the funeral director for The British Heart Foundation.

THORNTON Betty "Bettina"

Died 4th October 2013, aged 88, Cowbridge resident since 1958.

Proprietor of Bettina, which closed its doors in 2003 after supplying Cowbridge with ladies designer fashion for over 32 years. She will be sorely missed.

Funeral Service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Monday, 14th October at 2.45pm.

Birth Notices

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LIAM (16) IS THE GRAND CHAMPION!

ON Sunday, October 6, the final of the Lordswood Combat Tri Series took place in Birmingham.

Barry teenager Liam Rees (16) attended the event, the first leg of which began back in April where Liam entered in the men's 75kg and under category. He fought through the rounds to take second place, giving him a score of eight points.

On Sunday, July 7, the second leg of the series took place at the same venue. Liam again took an impressive second place in this event and gained another eight points.

On Sunday, October 6, the finals took place and as Liam was way ahead in points, he only needed to come in fourth place to secure the title of grand champion and take home the trophy.

Liam fought through the rounds, defeating all other competitors and emerging victorious as the winner, giving him another 10 points and earning him the grand champion title.

Being the youngest and also lightest in the category, Liam was a well deserved winner. He was congratulated by his competitors, who showed great sportsmanship on the day.

Liam is now in training for the WOMAA European Games in Jersey on October 25. This event will be the last for Liam in 2013 as he has recently enrolled in a sports and coaching course in St David's College, Cardiff, which will enable him to continue with his sporting career.

Good luck from all your friends and family for Jersey!

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ABOVE: Liam Rees.

Brynhill's past captains take title

The South Wales Coast Golf Captains Society hold three competitions annually - the spring, summer and autumn Cups.

These were held at Dinas Powis, Llanishen and St Pierre Golf Clubs respectively.

There are individual prizes and also an overall team prize. The Brynhill past captains figured well in the singles competitions.

What's more, thanks to their consistent steady golf, the Brynhill team emerged victorious in the overall team event.

The players representing Brynhill in the final event at St. Pierre were: Mike Moore (Brynhill club captain), John Kirkpatrick, Steve Jones, Bob Bounds and Tony Cook.

Other past captains who played during the year included Gareth Tinnuche, Phil Lee, Andy Chick, Ron Holland and Glenn Taylor.

Brynhill's representative for the SWCGCS, John Kirkpatrick, would like to thank all the past captains for their enthusiasm and support for these events.

JK

Ben's enjoyable seniors away day

MEMBERS of the seniors society of Cottrell Park Golf Club recently enjoyed their captain's autumn away day at Langland Bay Golf Club, which was very well supported and thoroughly enjoyed.

Seniors captain Ben Davies was congratulated on selecting such a stunning location, where the players enjoyed wonderful views of the surrounding area and local beaches.

Results of the team event were based on the best two stableford scores on the first six holes followed by the best three scores on the next six holes and finally all four scores to count on the final six holes.

The winning team with 108 points were Peter Archer, Alan Crossley, Trevor Wooding and Geoff Mitchell.

Runners-up with 102 points were David Thursfield, Eric Williams, Terry Scott and Brian Mallet; third with 10 points were David Stephenson, Ian Ross, Ray Reekes and Mike Quick.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Chris Osmond, Henry Filer and Mike Quick.

Longest drive on the 17th hole was Ray Reekes.

In the individual event was first, John Clarke with 36 points, runner-up Wyn Pryse-Jones with 35 points and third Peter Archer, also with 35 points.

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Porthcawl RFC youngsters get training tips



ABOVE: The Porthcawl RFC youngsters benefited from training drills taken by Tom Cole.

TOM COLE, the Ospreys player development officer for Bridgend, visited Porthcawl RFC on Monday, October 7, to lead a training session with the under-12s and under-14s.

Ryan Bevington and Marc Thomas accompanied him to work on defence and attack drills.

Tom said: "It was a great evening with plenty of young players turning out at their local community club for training sessions with two boys from Bridgend who have come through the regional develop-

ment pathway to represent the Ospreys. What better role models could they have?"

"These sessions and club visits are a crucial part of the community programme for this season, as part of the development plans set by the clubs themselves over the summer," he added.

The under-12s and under-14s train on a Monday night 6pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club can get more information by visiting

www.porthcawlrfc.com.

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PICTURES NEXT
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MORE SUCCESS FOR BARRIVALE CLUB MEMBERS

MARK RODERICK and Mike Best won the East Wales Bridge Association's annual major pairs championship for the Stan Berger Trophy.

Latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club, October 1: First Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond 61.43 per cent; second Huw Thomas and Celia Thomas 61.25; third Bryn Gough and Dave Reed 58.57. Bryn and Dave won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring **01446 418380** or **01446 733425** or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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FANTASTIC SEASON FOR DINAS POWYS TENNIS CLUB



DINAS POWYS Tennis Club has had a fantastic year.

Three new courts with new state of the art floodlights and, to cap it all, an end of season mixed doubles tournament, won by two of the most promising juniors of the club; Alex Vowles (17) and Libby Smith (13), who are pictured left.

They played so well in a close-fought final against Paul and Becky Arcos, and were presented with their trophies by Margaret Hayley, who also presented Becky with a silver salver as junior of the year.

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The Vale Reds were in festival action last weekend.

Lottery funding helps Vale Reds

THE Vale Reds Disability Football team have managed to start up a new under-16s team with the aid of a grant from Lottery funding.

It has taken just over a year to attract new players to the club and they are now coming from not just the Vale but Cardiff as well. The club was granted the money last year, which has helped fund training facilities, equipment and coaching education for the club.

The coaches even kept the football going throughout the summer and attracted more under-16 players to the team. The committee would like to thank the coaches Neil, David, Kristen and Molly for their hard work through the summer break and the help of their local disability sports development officer, Simon Jones.

The team played their first festival

on Sunday, October 6, and had a good start to the season by winning the first game 3-3, but then fell to two defeats with only a couple of goals separating the sides.

The under-16s' coach, David Gent, said he was very proud of the players in their first festival, as they gave 100 per cent and could not ask for anymore from them.

The team were also supported by the parents, and they all agreed that the players had done well and enjoyed themselves and couldn't believe how well they had played as a team.

If you have a disability and would like to join or receive information about the club, telephone Neil on 07827 334818 or visit the website at www.valeredisdisabilityfc.bick.co.uk.

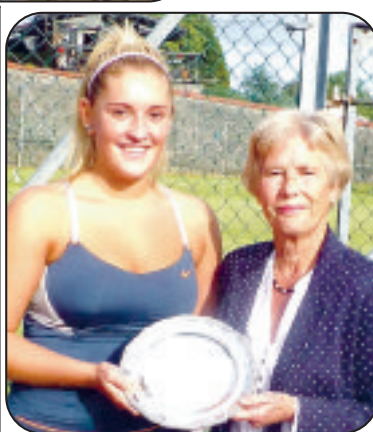
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Cwm Talwg group scoops green award



CWM TALWG Woodland Conservation Group has again won the Green Award for their voluntary work to help conserve woods in the heart of Barry.

It was presented by the Minister for Culture and Sport, John Griffiths AM, at a ceremony in Margam Park on October 3 and Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the monthly nature reserve walk to congratulate the volunteers on their efforts over 25 years.



Becky Arcos was named junior of the year.

Head gardener gives Dyffryn history update

BARRY U3A group very much enjoyed an update by head gardener, Alexandra Andrews, on the progress at Dyffryn Gardens since it became a National Trust property on January 1.

She explained how John Cory bought the house and the gardens at the end of the 19th Century.

He was a prominent member of the Royal Horticultural Society and a keen plant collector and sponsored expeditions across the world for his garden. Thomas Mawson, the well known landscape architect, designed the gardens and John's son Reginald and his sister Florence continued his work.

Unfortunately, all Cory's records were burnt, so all the restorations have been done solely with the help of some paintings of the gardens in their heyday.

The house is now open to the public, the carvings in the billiard room are of note and the painted ceilings in the drawing room have been

cleaned and restored. Much work is still to be done and suggestions for future plans are welcomed from the public.

September saw the start of our autumn programme with two new groups, local history and a craft circle being added to walking, poetry and prose, history of art, luncheon club, literature, genealogy and computer use.

For further information on all our activities, telephone John on 01446 413328 or visit our website www.u3asites.org.uk/barry.

VAL WARLOW

MP joins runners for Cardiff half marathon



"It was just as tiring – but again, a fantastic experience!"

Coffee morning

A SUCCESSFUL Macmillan coffee morning by Ogmere by Sea residents at the Fox and Hounds, St Brides raised over £700 for the charity.

The Toddler Group held a successful event in the church hall.

Children from St Brides School took the service at St Brides' Church and enjoyed the parish lunch in the church hall.

The event was a great success.

Cubs THERE is a move to start a Cub group in St Brides to give children between the ages of 8 and 10-and-a-half the opportunity to experience various 'adventures'.

Contact Chris Mathews, development officer, on 07825 632501.

Book sale A BOOK sale and vil-

lage market will be held in the Church Hall, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major on Saturday, October 12 between 10am-12noon.

Come and browse and find that perfect Christmas present! Enjoy a coffee, tea and a chat.

To book a produce or craft table, contact local correspondent Christina on 01565 665527; all are welcome.

MENTAL HEALTH

TODAY (October 10) marks World Mental Health Day, instigated by the World Health Organisation.

It aims to get everyone talking openly about mental illnesses and the treatment and prevention that are available to us all.

For more information, contact www.siaradwnni.org.uk or by contacting Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), T: 01656 810400, E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

St Brides Major community news

ARTHRITIS UK FUNDRAISER

A CHARITY event on March 1, 2014 in Cardiff to support Arthritis UK, will include a catwalk competition in 'plain white tee and jeans', a Q&A session, and a round in which the contestants have to demonstrate how much they love being

Welsh!

There will be stalls, including jewellery and PartyLite candles, and a charity raffle. Prizes include dress and shoe vouchers, a model portfolio photo shoot, qualification to the national finals of Miss Dream Street Beauty UK 2014 and a crown!

Contact Danni at dreamstreetbeauty-cardiff@yahoo.co.uk.

BT in grant for mini footballers

BARRY mini football club edges BT's volunteering heroes, who offer their time and skills to help people in their local community, by providing grants to organisations in which they are involved."

A spokesman explained this week: "The grants are being awarded through the company's employee recognition scheme, the BT People Awards, which were launched last year. The scheme acknowl-

AMONG the more than 19,000 runners in the Cardiff Half Marathon last week was Vale MP Alun Cairns, who was joined by Vale residents and completed the course in 1 hour 39 minutes.

"This was my second Cardiff Half Marathon and follows on from last year's London Marathon. It was just as tiring but again a fantastic experience, especially with the unseasonably warm weather," he said.

"I was joined by Angharad Cray from Peterston Super Ely, who completed the course in 1 hour 36 and Carys Davies who finished in 1 hour 47."

In the picture are Tanwen Cray, Efa Cray, Angharad Mair Cray, Alun Cairns, Henri Cairns and Carys Davies.

ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

Bob's welcome return to the Chepstow races

RACING legend, Bob Champion, will make a much anticipated return to 'lucky' Chepstow Racecourse to host Jump Legends Race on Saturday, October 12.

"I loved riding around Chepstow. It was a lucky course for me at which I won many big races and considered Chepstow to be the heart of racing," explained Bob.

"I truly believe the 1978 Finale Juvenile

Hurdle was my classiest race of my career. The race attracted an abundance of class horses; I rode *Tiepolino* and won by a short head, but every horse went on to be multiple winners."

Chepstow will be the first track outside Aintree to host a Legends Race in aid of The Bob Champion Cancer Trust and Spinal Research – two worthy charities. Seeing the former jockeys back in the saddle is a joy for all racegoers, and the one with the best horse will win!

Ten legends have agreed to roll back the years to ride in the one

mile, seven furlong charity contest and Bob Champion casts his eye over the leading contenders:

Carl Llewellyn: A fantastic jockey with multiple National victories to his name – watch out for this Welsh wizard.

Brendan Powell: A true legend and one of the nicest men in racing. Likely to carry a little overweight.

Jimmy Frost: A lovely person and good jockey who has ridden the Welsh track many times.

Adrian Maguire: Adrian is one of the best jockeys to have ridden and not be a Champion Jockey. He's just fantastic and a joy to watch in the saddle.

Now successfully training in Ireland, Adrian rides out most days and leads my betting market.

Graham Bradley is a complete artist in the saddle and if will be great to see him back on course.

Jim Culloty has won all the big races – multiple Gold Cups, a Grand National – what more can you say!

Assistant trainer **Jim McCarthy** has only recently retired from race-riding. Couple this with his hard-graft attitude he's sure to have an upper hand on the fitness stakes.

When race riding,

Kevin Mooney was always amongst the leading contenders when needed and will attempt similar tactic next month.

Richard Rowe took over from me when I retired from Josh Gifford's yard and had a very successful career. Now reaping the rewards as a trainer and should have a nice mount.

Leglock Luke

Harvey who won the Welsh National on *Cool Ground* in 1990. Now a TV presenter on *At The Races*, he's one of the true characters of the sport.

Horsing's ultimate legend – current 18 times Champion Jockey, **AP McCoy** – is lending his support to the race and will officially start the charity contest at 2pm.

In addition to the celebrity jockeys, there will be a parade of equine legends.

Leading the spectacle will be *Big Buck's*, the greatest staying hurdler in history, with 23 wins and more than £1.25m in prize money to his name, supported by former stable mate *Neptunes Collonges*.

Mixed fortunes for hockey teams

IT was a case of mixed fortunes for the two Penarth Hockey Club sides, with the 1st XI maintaining their unbeaten start to the new Davis Wood Hockey League campaign, while the 2nd XI crashed to defeat.

The 1st XI came into their game with Cleevillians in Gloucestershire missing several key players, including Christopher Bakers, who was unable to play for the first time in five seasons but, despite the weakened squad, started strongly, going 1-0 up within the first 15 minutes when Phil Lanes deflected in a ferocious ball from Sam Doherty.

Inspired by the goal, the visitors doubled their lead minutes later when Sam Wooding smashed a shot from the edge of the area into the far right hand corner, giving the goalkeeper little chance.

Penarth stayed in the ascendancy for most of the first half until James Davies was sent to the sin bin following a lazy challenge.

Minutes before half-time, Cleevillians were gifted a lifeline as, after rounding the goalkeeper, their striker was thwarted illegally by the combination of Joseph Wells and Sam Doherty, leading to a penalty stroke.

Although the original attempt was put wide, the home side received a second chance as the umpire hadn't blown his whistle. This time, they made no mistake, although goalkeeper Mark Harris was unfortunate not to save the stroke after getting a good touch on the ball.

The second half was a more even encounter, with both teams struggling to keep possession.

Penarth twice came close with Lanes intercepting a defensive pass but pushing the ball wide and Sam Chick deflecting the ball inches over from the top of the area.

Cleevillians had their chances too, and would have equalised but for some fantastic tackling by the Penarth defence, in particular Davies, who more than atoned for his first half error.

The hard-fought second half ended goalless, giving Penarth a valuable 2-1 away win, with standout performances in midfield from Lanes and captain Mark Thomas.

The Vale side are now one of only two to have made a perfect start to the season, and will look to build on the momentum in the first home game of their campaign against Hereford.

The 2nd XI entered the weekend as Division De Cymru 2 leaders, but left with their tail firmly between their legs after a disappointing performance against old rivals Llanishen and Caerphilly in Barry.

Bolstered once more by some old faces returning to the fray, Penarth appeared to have a strong side, and the opening 15 minutes reflected this as the home side enjoyed the upper hand. As has become a habit, however, pressure was not turned into goals, and, as in the past, that failure returned to bite the Vale side.

Having resisted increasing Llan & Caer pressure as the half went on, Penarth were undone by a ball into the 'D' which was sharply deflected past the hapless Calum Grant, giving the visitors an undeserved advantage as the teams turned around for the second 35 minutes.

The interval words of captain Nick Pratt were designed to spur his men to greater efforts, but the desired response was lacking as Llan & Caer opened with two soft goals to take the score to 0-3.

A change of tactics aimed at giving Penarth greater control of the midfield failed in its execution, leaving vice-captain Rob Harrison exposed in the middle of the park, and the defence, at times, swamped by the number of attacking opponents.

Despite occasional forays into the Llan & Caer half, Penarth were never really in the game during the second half, and the visitors – one of the stronger sides in the division – took full advantage, rattling in another three goals before the final whistle eventually put the hosts out of their misery. With an even record after two games, Penarth have now slipped to mid-table ahead of a crucial early encounter at winless Neath on Saturday.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm. The club also thanks Penarth Fish Bar for their generous support of the post-game 'teas'.

Further information can be obtained from: club secretary Dave Stevens at: d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk.

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Rhoose Rovers look to future

WIDELY regarded as one of the fastest growing areas in the Vale, Rhoose has had to adapt in similar speed to provide facilities and clubs for the community.

Rhoose Rovers was formed in 2012 to become a community club by some of the original founders of Rhoose F.C. On the back of this the club's senior team, who are now embarking on a second season in the Barry League Division 2 (currently sitting in third place at time of press), are expanding to encompass a second team and further plans behind the scenes are now being made to progress the club further.

Part of this work is to commit to a minis and juniors set-up ensuring the club's youth team and senior sides are fed talented players for the future. The club has now secured a Year 6 team for season 2014-15 and are actively seeking others.

The club is planning



numerous social events and fundraisers in the near future to ensure the club has a strong foundation for its work within the Rhoose community.

If you are a father or a coach who would be interested in forming a mini or junior team (starting from Year 2) with Rhoose Rovers please get in touch by emailing roversfc@yahoo.co.uk.

We are in particular looking right now for somebody to take up the role to coach current Years 1s, who will enter the league next September as our Year 2 team.

PH

The Barry darts league

LAST season's champions, The Poachers, suffered their first defeat in over a season.

They lost to last year's runners-up, who are now playing from the Cwm Talwg. The game was all square after the singles but the Cwm Talwg went on to win all three doubles to claim a 3-6 win. During the match Martin Andrews of the Cwm Talwg hit a 180.

In a close match at the Park, the BFC Allsorts came out on top with a 5-4 victory over the Park Weasels.

Mike Blackmore, from the Park, hit a 180 and Peter de Souza, from the Allsorts, hit a 160 out shot to finish a 15 dart leg.

The Billy Ghosts got their season off to a winning start with a 6-3 victory over the Windsor Nomads. Paul Rowles of the Windsor hit a 180.

In the final game of the Premier league, the Plastics beat the Dartonians at the Windsor, coming back from a 3-1 deficit to claim a 3-6 victory.

In the first division the Mariners overcame the Caddy Cons Raiders 7-2. Tony Gratton, from the Raiders hit a 180.

The Cambrian Runways also had a 7-2 victory over the Starlets.

The Throws of Despair are now the only unbeaten side in the first division after a 6-3 win over Pat's 26.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL Notice of Council Resolution

1. The Vale of Glamorgan Council ('the Council') resolved on 25 September 2013 that the following provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) ('the Act') shall apply to the area of this Council:

Section 14 – acupuncture

Section 15 – tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis

Section 16 – provisions supplementary to section 14 and 15

Section 17 – power to enter premises (acupuncture etc.)

2. The date upon which these provisions will come into effect will be 26 October 2013.

3. The general effect of this resolution is, subject to the exceptions detailed below, that a person who carries on the business of tattooing; semi-permanent skin-colouring; cosmetic piercing; or electrolysis must be registered with this Council, and they can only carry on their business in premises which have also been registered. The certificate of registration must be prominently displayed at the place where business is carried on. The Council is empowered to charge fees for registration. Applications for registration must be accompanied by the following information – details of your identity and evidence of address, in particular details of the premises concerned and particulars of any conviction of the applicant under section 16 of the 1982 Act. A person who contravenes section 14 or section 15 will be guilty of an offence, and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding £1000, or suspension or cancellation of registration or both. An authorised officer of the Council may apply to a Justice of the Peace for a warrant to enter premises on suspicion that an offence under Section 16 is being committed there.

4. The Council will be applying in the near future for confirmation of byelaws under this Act with regard to the cleanliness of premises, fittings, persons, instruments, materials and equipment connected with the business of tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing, electrolysis in the area of the Council.

5. Exceptions:

These provisions of the Act do not extend to the carrying on of the business of tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing or electrolysis by or under the supervision of a registered medical practitioner (i.e. means a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983 who holds a licence to practise under that Act)

A person who is registered under the provisions of the Act specified in paragraph 1 above will not be committing an offence by engaging in the activity otherwise than at registered premises merely because he sometimes visits people at their request to provide his services.

**Head of Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council**

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Rhybudd o Benderfyniad y Cyngor

1. Penderfynodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ('y Cyngor') ar 25 Medi 2013, y bydd y darpariaethau canlynol a wnaethpwyd o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982 (ddiwgiedig) ('y Ddeddf'), bellach yn berthnasol i ardal y Cyngor hwn:

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Adran 15 – tat o, croenliwio lled-barhaol, tyllu cosmetig ac electrolysis.

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Fine performance from Dinas Powys RFC seconds

WITH the Dinas Powys 1st XV having a bye into the second round of the SWALEC Bowl, a dry and pleasantly sunny Saturday afternoon saw the club field a 2nd XV for the first time in several seasons as they welcomed Caerau Ely 2nd to a friendly fixture.

The depth and breadth of the Dinas squad, now evident by the selection headaches presented to head coach Andy Vesey each week, often means that talented and dedicated players do not always get the game time they desire and this match was an opportunity for those individuals to showcase their ability ahead of the forthcoming league fixtures.

As the match began, several of the home team found themselves playing in unfamiliar positions and Caerau started with 14 men due to lack of players who had travelled to the Vale.

The first 10 minutes of the match were scrappy with the hosts conceding numerous penalties. Despite this the Villagers were still able to apply pressure on the visitors.

An error at the scrum allowed Caerau to run at the Dinas defence from deep and draw a penalty which was promptly kicked into touch. The line-out secured, Caerau attempted to break through the midfield, however the Dinas defensive line was resolute and held firm.

With 15 minutes of the game played Matt Brown seized upon a handling error by the visitors and hacked the ball down field.

Backing his own pace Matt collected the ball and touched down close to the posts for the game's first try. An easy conversion by Gareth Cooper and the score stood at 7-0 to the hosts.

Encouraged by this score, Dinas began to play with more confidence. A blistering run by Mark Goode almost put winger Duke Durham into the corner but the pass was just out of reach.

However they didn't have to wait long for another opportunity, as just minutes later, another error by Caerau saw the ball back in Dinas hands and passed expertly from player to player, eventually ending with debutant Ben Harrison's first try for Dinas in the far corner. The conversion from wide out on the

touchline was missed by Cooper and the score crept to 12-0.

An early replacement saw Matt Knibbs come on for John Morgan, who sustained an injury to his chest.

A miscued kick from the visitors' fullback was caught by captain Owen Stark, who darted towards the wing before timing his pass to perfection, putting Goode in for the Villagers' third try of the match. Another tough kick was missed by Cooper and the score advanced to 17-0.

A spate of penalties against the home side saw the visitors make their first venture into the Villagers' 22 but a wayward lineout let the hosts off the hook.

Needing no invitation to run from deep, Dinas were at the other end of the pitch in the blink of an eye, yet handling errors denied them a fourth try.

A spirited break from the visitors was to prove fruitless as once again a handling error allowed the Villagers to turn the ball over, Durham passing to stand-in centre Gaz Williams.

Although usually found at number eight, this athletic player looked comfortable in his temporary position as he crossed for Dinas' fourth

with just minutes left of the first half. Another unsuccessful conversion attempt by Cooper and the half time score stood at a comfortable 22-0.

The game restarted with the away team kicking with the wind. The ball was collected cleanly and returned with interest by Morgan Williams, who had a surging run from deep, drawing a penalty on the opposition 22-metre line.

The decision to tap and go was thwarted by handling errors which presented the visitors with an opportunity to clear their lines.

However handling errors of their own allowed Durham to finally score under the posts. An embarrassing conversion miss by Cooper meant the score climbed to 27-0.

With the game seemingly out of reach from the visitors, the Villagers continued to probe from deep, maintaining focus and physicality, turning the ball over at every opportunity.

The most prevalent weakness in the home team's performance was discipline, as the penalty count began to stack up against them; however it was Caerau that were to be shown a yellow card for repeated infringements, and the already

stretched defensive line of the visitors would have to endure 10 minutes with one less on the field.

The Villagers' superior fitness began to tell in the later stages of the game. A superb run by formidable forward Luke Dyer saw him plough through numerous defenders to release Morgan Williams for the sixth try of the game. The kick was good and the score now an insurmountable 34-0.

The merciless nature of the Dinas 1st XV was reflected in the character of the 2nd XV as they pursued further tries relentlessly.

However, to their immense credit, the team from Cardiff were just as determined not to concede further and showed enterprise of their own. Unfortunately, handling errors were too prevalent in the visitors' build up play, costing them dearly in terms of both momentum and territory.

After a strong scrum and a well-worked move among the back line, Gaz Williams scored his second of the game which was converted with ease by Cooper to take the score to 41-0.

Back to full strength, Caerau embarked on another attempt to add their first points of the match to the scoreboard but a forward pass brought the move to a swift halt.

Indeed, the resultant scrum provided the platform from which Mark Goode would obtain the ball and score his second under the posts. Conversion successful once again and the score stood at 48-0.

It is at this point that captain Owen Stark sustained an injury to his wrist and had to leave the pitch.

The last play of the match saw both sides nearly scoring, with Cooper being denied and a kick ahead from the Caerau wing being shepherded out of play, the final score a formidable 48-0.

Scoreline aside, the performance, attitude and the ability of players to play outside of their natural position will be a source of comfort to the Dinas coaching team as they look towards the rest of the season in the SWALEC league.

This week the Villagers' 1st XV will be back in action as they to Treharris for a 2:30pm kick off.

The week's match had to be interrupted on several occasions to remove dog mess. Therefore the club respectfully wishes to remind all responsible dog owners of their duties when using the facilities provided by the council and clean up after their pet so that everyone can enjoy the Common.

SW/MH

Barry Chess Club teach the college!

BY a strange quirk of the East Glamorgan Chess League programme, Barry Chess Club had two home league matches scheduled for the same night against St John's College.

The Bosons hosted the Positrons in division one whilst the Gambits hosted the Neutrinos in division four.

The Positrons were surprised to gain promotion from the second division last season. They have been able to strengthen their squad by capturing the services of Robert Taylor, a Gwent Chess Association player who previously played for Penarth in their relegation season last year.

Perhaps that is a bad omen for the Positrons as they prop up the division after two rounds of play and already look favourites to drop back into division two.

The match contained some quick games and some rather longer matches. As each game finished the Bosons were picking up points regularly. The two more interesting results were on boards one and five.

On board one Lee Davis earned a victory over Robert Taylor in a very long drawn out game. The Positrons team was weakened by the unavailability of their normal board two and an ex-Barry player in Paul Tew.

This meant that the other players all moved up onto higher boards and gave a chance for young Daniel Siromani to try his hand in the first division. Daniel is a player whose rating has been rising rapidly whilst playing on board one for the Neutrinos.

He did not disappoint his team and eventually earned the Positrons only score of the night by taking a hard earned draw with Dave Parsons to give the Bosons a four and a half

to a half victory.

This puts the Bosons into second place in the division and ahead of perennial champions the Cardiff Castles.

In division four the Gambits were able to field a team of four retired players and a junior making his debut for Barry. The Neutrinos fielded five junior players who did not recognise when their position is lost. Therefore the games had to be decided on checkmates rather than resignations.

Windsor Lewis and Phil Jones both earned their first victories of the season while John Stephenson and Dave Mahoney earned their second victories. Our most recent member, Jason Grice performed well on board five, but eventually lost to a more experienced player in Nithin Michael, who is in his third year as an east Glamorgan Chess player. By winning by a margin of 4-1 the Gambits remain in the promotion spots in division four.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PJ

Good victory for Rhooose under-15s

RHOOOSE under-15s took the lead in this game against Sully Blues when Josh Morgan latched on to a through ball by Jay Coles and rounded the oncoming keeper.

Josh Brown and Dylan White were solid in the heart of the Rhooose defence and Edward Thomas worked the flanks well with Harry Morgan-Grant. Rhooose went two up when a long range effort by Joshua Caveill was deflected home by Matt Cottingham.

Keeper Michael Wilson's positioning was excellent and thwarted a number of Sully attacks. Lee Bartlett was unlucky not to score when he was found in space by Declan Jenkins, but his first time effort went just wide.

In the second half, Rhooose used the speed of Daniel Cope on the wing and it was his cross that was brilliantly controlled by Josh Morgan before calmly finding the top corner.

Sully always looked a threat and played some good football and were rewarded with a well taken effort. Sully's confidence grew, but Tom Hubbard and Patrick O'Carroll made some

great tackles to keep Rhooose in the ascendancy. Joe Hopkins and Daniel Ahearn both had good efforts on goal late in the game. Final score 3-1.

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THE Rhondda Golf Club, with its stunning views over the surrounding valleys and towns, proved an ideal location for the recent monthly meeting for 34 members and guests of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

Despite the slightly damp playing conditions, the golf played was of a high standard, particularly by Neil McLean, who set a hot pace over the opening holes to reach the half way point with 18 stableford points.

Over the back nine, Neil continued to play disciplined golf and despite a double bogey

on the par five 13th hole, superb pars on the closing three holes produced a winning score of 35 points.

Receiving the Arthur John Cup and the traditional green wellingtons from generous sponsor Mr Dai John just 24 hours before his big '60' arrived proved the perfect way for Neil to start his birthday celebrations.

Runner up with 32 points (19 back nine) was Jim Hayes, with Martyn David also with 32 points (17 back nine) finishing third; David Williams finished fourth also with 32, but only 16 on the back nine.

Brian Lakin returned a winning score of 29 points in the guests' section with Geoff Moore taking second place with



ABOVE: Brian Lakin, Neil McLean, captain Gwyn Thomas, Jim Hayes and Geoff Moore.

25 points. Geoff Mitchell finished third followed by sponsors' guest Colin Morris.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Mike Lee, Lyn Thomas, Griff Morgan and Neil McLean, while David Williams hit the longest drive on the selected hole to win the 'Bear Hotel', Cowbridge sponsored longest drive prize.

Keith Davies correctly guessed 40 balls would remain out on this mountain top course to collect the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant sponsored prize, which resulted in £100 being raised for the Macmillan Nurses Charity.

The societies next meeting is scheduled for today (October 10) at St Mellons Golf Club when society members will be participating in the annual match against their farming friends from the Monmouthshire society.

TMCC

Atoms shine in the sun

THE two sides of Barry Atoms were on show in a recent tournament in Llantwit Major.

The first game saw tries by Rory, Daf, Zak, Couchy, Cai and Iestyn E as the Atoms defeated Llantwit Major 6-0, but the boys were quickly two tries down in their next game against CRICC.

They responded through Jack N and Couchy, but five CRICC tries put paid to the comeback.

In the semi-final, the Atoms faced the Barry Bees and again they were two tries down, fearing the worst.

Back they came through tries from Zak and Rhys which levelled the game, before two more tries for the Bees took the score to 4-2. Jack N and Iestyn E responded to level the scores.

The game went into golden try territory with the Bees going over with a fine try and ending the game.

Each and everyone of the team can be proud of their performance as this game really was tough; the skill level by both sides on display was inspiring. Squad: Jamie B, Iestyn E, Iestyn N, Connor, Dylan, Jack I, Jack R, Jack N, Rory, Couchy, Rhys, Ethan, Dafydd, Fin G, Cai, Elliot, Mason, Zak. DD

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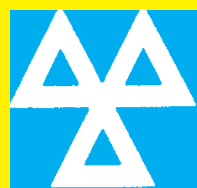


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Pat and Sue crowned champions at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club!



Mary Fellows (Bowl winner), Helen Hughes (second right), runner-up Sue Macpherson (second left) with referee, lady captain Sheila Morrow and the two caddies.



Men's club championship winner Pat Regan (second left), runner-up Paul Wheatley (second right) with club captain Barrie Jones and the two caddies.



Ladies bronze championship winner Barbara Beedham (second left), runner-up Wendy Motton (second right) and referee, past lady captain Pat Jarvis (centre) and their caddies.



Robert Rickards Trophy - club captain Barrie Jones with winner Nick Caulfield (second left) and runner-up Brian Brookes (second right) with his caddie Geoff May.



LEFT: Dragon Trophy winner Steffan Rhys (right) with runner-up Del Lewis (left) and referee, club vice captain Ken Howells (centre).

IT was a rare experience this summer as wet but relatively calm conditions greeted the finalists on the first of the two finals days which were held recently at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

Despite the sometimes persistent rain the well drained course remained in excellent condition throughout and all seven finals were completed with out delay.

In contrast, the following Sunday saw the second finals day initially shrouded in early morning mist which quickly cleared to near perfect conditions for remaining two finals.

A full programme on both days saw finalists teeing off in the early hours with a number of competitions being played over 36 holes. Back in time for lunch and back out again soon after was the gruelling day for some players.

The busy programme was also boosted by the finals of the Hallett League and Plate Competitions on the first Sunday and the Hallett Cup Final played the following week.

These latter matches were between teams who have successfully fought their way to the finals stages and Wenvoe Castle is the traditional home for finals of the Hallett Society Competitions. Over 40 clubs throughout south Wales compete in the knockout stages and to reach the final is a considerable achievement.

The course was again prepared and presented at its best and without exception the players spoke highly about the excellent condition of the course. The referees who presented the trophies at the finish of the individual matches consistently spoke of the sporting manner and the spirit in which the matches were played.

The men's club championship was a very interesting battle between last year's runner-up, Pat Regan, and Paul Wheatley. In the early stages Pat built up a commanding lead over



Dr & Mrs AM Jones Trophy - winners Trish and Phil Walker (right), runners-up Sandra Hathway and Andrew Evans (left) with referee, club president David Sherrard.

the first nine holes and at six down things looked bleak for Paul, but a tremendous comeback saw him close the gap to just two holes with nine to play and the result was wide open.

The next three holes proved significant as Pat managed to extend his lead to go four up and he finally secured the title at the 15th hole. A really excellent match played in a truly sporting manner and a credit to both players.

In the ladies championship Sue Macpherson was defending her title against Lyn Williams in a repeat of last year's final. It was another match over 36 holes in which the quality of play by both players was consistently at the highest level.

Gradually Sue gained the upper hand and despite the valiant attempt by a very competitive opponent to close the gap, the defending champion went on to retain her title.

The remainder of the finals were played out over 18 holes, the majority of which were decided on the last few holes and in several cases the final hole.

The full results of the club finals are shown below. Congratulations to the various winners and well done to the runners up who had battled through many knock out stages to get to the finals day.

Men's finals - club championship: winner Pat Regan, runner-up Paul Wheatley; Robert



H Regan Trophy - winners Kevin Knowles and Nick Caulfield (left) with past president Brian Coffin, referee (centre), and runners-up Rob Campbell and Chris Jones (right).

Rickard trophy: winner Nick Caulfield, runner-up Brian Brookes; Dragon trophy - winner Steffan Rhys, runner-up Del Lewis; H Regan Foursomes cup: winners Nick Caulfield and Kevin Knowles, runners-up Rob Campbell and Chris Jones.

Ladies finals - championship: winner Sue Macpherson, runner-up Lyn Williams; Mary Fellows bowl: winner Helen Hughes, runner-up Sue Macpherson; White Cup Foursomes: winners Lyn Williams and Sandra Hathway, runners-up Wendy Motton and Mags Lewis; Blod Lewis cup: winner Deborah Williams, runner-up Nicola Sims; Bronze championship: winner Barbara Beedham, runner-up Wendy Motton.

Mixed final - Dr & Mrs AM Jones cup: winners Trish and Phil Walker, runners-up Sandra Hathway and Andy Evans. BJ



Ladies championship winner Sue Macpherson (left), runner-up Lyn Williams (right) with lady captain Sheila Morrow (referee).



Blod Lewis Cup - winner Deborah Williams (right), runner-up Nicola Sims (left) with referee, past lady captain Marilyn Davies.

Brynhill results

GOLFERS recently competed for the Marcus Watt (net)/Ken Murphy (gross) Cups.

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Dinas Powys are unlucky against Llansawel

DINAS POWYS can count themselves a little unlucky not to have got something from this game against Briton Ferry Llansawel after a strong second half performance against the league leaders.

The hosts had the first half chance when a good through ball from Ryan Garland found Ben Ah-Mun but Ferry's keeper Luke Probert came off his line fast to gather the ball at Ah-Mun's feet.

The game ebbed and flowed from end to end with the visitors keeping the ball slightly better and a speculative shot by Steve Davey from 30 yards sailed over the Dinas crossbar.

However a number of deep crosses from Ferry were causing a few problems and one of these had to be gathered by keeper James Curtin, fumbling it first but clutching the ball to his chest eventually with the visitors' strikers closing in.

A free kick to the visitors was taken quickly finding Gareth Jones whose shot brought a good save from Curtin, and at the other end a good pass from Connor Parsons found Ah-Mun and a powerful shot from him brought a good save from Probert on the 20 minute mark.

Steve Davey's strong runs down the right wing were mainly snuffed out by the excellent Dinas defender James Bloxham, time and again getting the better of the pacy strikers.

er. As the half drew to a close the visitors had another half chance, as another deep cross reached Davey who cut the ball back to Ross Davies, but his shot cleared the cross bar and the first period ended goalless with Ferry just shading it in terms of possession.

Dinas introduced the experienced Danny Street for Garland at the start of the second half and a determined early run and shot from Luke Swaffield forced Probert into tipping the ball over the bar with the resulting corner proving unproductive.

Ferry got back into the game and after a spell of pressure, they scored the opener, a free kick finding Jordan Edwards who slotted it home from 10 yards with seven minutes gone.

Dinas upped the work rate with skipper Paul Dawes and Parsons working hard in the midfield to gain possession, and the hosts began to get on top, forcing a number of corners and the pressure eventually told when Carlos Indjai latched onto a through ball, rounded the keeper and slotted home for the equaliser with 25 minutes remaining.

Dinas kept up the pressure sensing the game was there for the taking, and after a determined run by James Marr, Parsons' shot was off target, while excellent link-up play involving Swaffield and Marr set up Ah-Mun who got his shot on target but Probert made an excellent save and the hosts could not turn the pressure into goals.

Dinas introduced Joe Briscoe for Ah-Mun with 10 minutes remaining and Ferry also brought on fresh legs with one of their substitutes, Rory Healy, hitting the Dinas cross-bar with a powerful shot.

With time running out and a draw looking the likely outcome, the visitors got the winner when a deep cross from the right was met with a glancing header by Gareth Jones into the corner of the net for 2-1.

Dinas had one further chance; a Dave Penikett free kick right into the goal-mouth was fumbled by Probert who almost dropped the ball over his goal line but just managed to grab it in time and at the final whistle, Dinas were feeling that they should have got something from the game.

They are on their travels again on October 12 with a rearranged fixture against Penrhynceiber Rangers, 2.30pm kick off.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Luke Swaffield, 3 Ryan Garland, 4 Dave Penikett, 5 James Bloxham, 6 Paul Penikett, 7 Paul Dawes (c), 8 Connor Parsons, 9 Ben Ah-Mun, 10 Carlos Indjai, 11 James Marr, 12 Danny Street, 14 Dimitri Fallas, 16 Joe Briscoe, 16 Matthew Tucker. **PK**

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FOOTBALL RETURNS TO THE ATHLETIC GROUND!



BARRY ATHLETIC Football Club have finally returned to men's football in the Vale.

After many years representing Barry across south Wales, the Athletic have only been represented at youth team level for the last few years. Established in the mid-1970s Barry Athletic maintained amateur league status for many years and were one of the Vale's most successful men's teams for many years.

Under the guidance of ex-Athletic player Brian George, the Athletic have reformed and are having a very successful start to the season. They are represented in the Premier and First Division's of the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League.

The A team are currently unbeaten and top of the league as well as through to the next round of the South Wales Intermediate

Cup. Managed by Ashley Griffiths and David Govier it is not by luck that the club have started so well.

The B team are developing weekly and currently lie in fifth place after a mixture of results under managers Howard Phipps and Richard Webb. With a mixture of youth and experience the future of the club is certainly bright.

The teams have been fortunate enough to secure match day kit sponsorship from A1 Diagnostics from Cardiff and would like to thank the company publicly for their sincere generosity.

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South Wales Intermediate Cup action returns to The Athletic Ground on Saturday, October 19, when the club entertain The Plough Inn from Aberdare at 2pm. It would be great to see any ex-players or representatives of Barry Athletic come along and support this new generation of players. The clubhouse will be open for refreshments before, during and after the game.

The clubhouse will also be open on Tuesday, November 5, from 6pm. Refreshments will be on sale in a welcoming, family environment; 10 per cent of any profits made will be donated to Barry Round Table for providing the firework display.

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Barry Thirds continue fine form against Harlequins

BARRY 3rd XV returned to league action against Cardiff Harlequins looking to build on their impressive victory over Whitchurch the last time out.

With manager Chris Prosser absent, Ken Chow returned as caretaker and handed Mike Hamonda his senior debut.

Gareth Rees made his league debut while Luke Hewitson returned in centre for the first time this season. Andrew Buckland and Justin Davies were both on the replacement bench ready for their first appearances this term.

With the instructions of showing controlled aggression in the contact area and using simple but well-executed strike moves still ringing in their ears, Barry went off to a flyer.

A combination of powerful drives from the forwards and superb runs from the backs, most notably from Hewitson and Corrigan, saw the home side camped in the Quins' 22.

The score was inevitable and following a quick tap penalty, Mike Jones was on hand to score in the corner.

Corrigan failed to add the extras.

Just like the last league game when Barry scored first and blasted open the floodgates, the home side did not let up. The forwards were dominant in the scrum and loose, and it was no surprise when Andy Moffat scored from the base following a powerful drive. Corrigan missed the conversion.

The Quins attempted to rally and forced a series of attacks towards the Barry line in a rare foray into the home half, but these were repelled from some resolute defending, led by captain Lee Jones.

Instead the green-and-whites broke free again with their pacy backs and found another score through Mike Awaient. The conversion was a formality.

Barry tied up the bonus point soon after with another try from Awaient, and by halftime they were 24-0 up. The Quins' cause was not helped by them having no replacements to come on for their injured players, and the home side was not going to allow them any respite, with them ruthlessly executing their trained moves to near-perfection.

The second half saw an avalanche of tries as the visitors faltered in the autumnal sunshine. Liam Ring crashed over from close range for his first try for the club. Hewitson was rewarded with a try of his own, bursting through the Quins' midfield to score underneath the posts, while Awaient and Mike Jones both completed their hat-tricks as the game threatened to turn into a rout.

The threat was realised, as more tries came for the home side. Debutant Hamonda showcased the pace he showed in the youth team last term by scoring a brace, before a comical moment when he was about to complete his hat-trick, but as he was grounding the ball he instead threw it forward for some unknown reason.

Substitutes Glenn Griffiths and Buckland also crossed, with the latter landing three successful conversions. To the visitors' credit, despite the scoreline and their tiring legs, they carried on until the final whistle and were justly rewarded with a try scored from close range, which was rightly applauded all round.

The final score was 81-5 to the hosts and the table reads played two, won two, points 10,

points for 186 and tries scored 28.

Barry 3rd XV will hope to continue their form away at Llandaff next weekend, while the 2nd XV return to league action away at Llanishen.

Team: Hamonda, Jenkins, Hewitson, KC

Awaient, Rees; Noble, Corrigan; Thomas, Ring, Piroso; Lundy, Hall; M Jones, L Jones (c), Moffat. Replacements: Houldey, Davies, Griffiths, Buckland. **Man-of-the-match:** Hewitson.

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MONDAY, September 30, North/South:

1st Peter Millar/Mark Roderick 60.83; 2nd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 56.32; 3rd Val Hetheridge/Norman Ryley 55.77; East/West: 1st Italo Basiletti/Sean Macdugall 65.75; 2nd Carolyn Matthews/Alan Jones 55.25; 3rd Mair Colley/Chris Davis 55.00.

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